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ARTICLE III

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McCORMACK TO LEAD PARADE

EDWARD J. (Knocko) McCORMACK, has been elected Chief Marshal of the Evacuation Day Celebration Parade to be held in South Boston on Saturday, March 16th.

Knocko who incidentally is Chairman of the Night Parade of the Boston Convention of the YDVA is working hard to put on the greatest parade that South Boston ever had. He has his committees working hard and meetings every week. It will be great practice for his Convention Parade, which should be the largest and best any Convention has ever put on.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

All of us were in one war; part of the time knee-deep, at other times up to our chins. We had a lot of fun, yes; and have had a lot since with the friends we made then. But t'ell with staging an encore; either ourselves, our sons or our countrymen. It wasn't *that* much fun. That's one thing everybody feels the same way about. But speaking up in meetin' as just one lone guy, we're sick and tired of hearing the expression "drag us into war". Who in blazes is going to drag us, and how in tarnation are they going to do it?

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Just because we are bound and determined to steer clear of the present fracas, does that mean we've got to go around with our eyes shut and a gag in our mouth for fear we'll be "dragged into war". You'd think so. Do do this, don't do that, don't go here, don't go there, don't help this fella, don't get that other bird sore. Take Finland for example. Let's forget for a moment the major-league jamboree between Captain Neville's boys and Manager Adolf's team. After all, they're a couple of big guys scrapping for power; one to grab hold of anything not already gobbled up, and the other to hang tight to what it did knuckle onto before the pickin's were so tough. But here's Finland. Not trying to grab anything. Just minding her own business and doing a swell job of it. And along comes this blood-soaked throw-back to Attila the Hun and commences dropping G.I. cans all over the lot; and sending his beloved "comrades" out by the thousands in their B.V.D.'s to freeze themselves stiff as cordwood at 50 below zero. Did we say Attila? Why that old buzzard could sue us for libel and win out of court.

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Pull out your atlas and take a gander at the size of the pasture this guy Joe Stalin already has to sow his onions in. Maybe Japan does need land (though she's taking a damn ungentlemanly

way of getting it). But Russia! Yeh, we know; it's seacoast she wants. But Switzerland seems to do pretty well by itself. The thing of it is that all of Joe's horses and all of Joe's men can't make the darn thing tick. Even bumping off a corporal's guard of brass hats every morning at breakfast has failed to provide every family with a bath-tub to make their vodka in. Which is funny, because bumping off brass hats is supposed to be very good for a country. Every authority from Karl Marx to the Christian Front knows that bumping off brass hats will raise the living standard and better the lot of the working man. So, to prove he's still a big shot, Joe sets out to do a job on the Finns. No, we'll take that back. Joe sits in the Kremlin and smokes his pipe; and sends the "comrades" to give 'em the works. At this, the Finns get very mad indeed, so mad, in fact, that up to the present writing, they have made Joe look like a monkey.

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Now what happen? The rest of the civilized world applauds until it gets corns on its hands, and cheers till it's so hoarse the Smith Brothers declare an extra dividend. Hot dog! Great stuff! Nice going, Finlandia! Like the colonists at Bunker hill! Like the Greeks at Thermopylae!

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And then? Between rounds, the Finns, getting an earful of all these hallelujahs, conclude that the onlookers are on their side and would like to see Joe get the bum's rush. So, very politely, they say: "We'll take care of this guy, but kindly hand us that club. He's too tough to polish off with bare dukes." So what? John Bull grunts he'll see if he can do something, next summer or some time. And Uncle Samuel is very, very sorry. Confidentially, he whispers, he doesn't like Joe. But keep it a secret. He's neutral. Handing over a club in the form of a few million shekels wouldn't be neutral. It would hurt Joe's feelings.

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Indeed, Joe, and his playmate Adolf, might "drag him into war". Now I ask you! Is this the grown-up Uncle who, as a kid in short pants, gave the *beau geste* to the bloomin' British lion, with fingers extended to nose in 1775? Neutrality, sure, we're for it both ways from the jack. But if that's neutrality, then let's go the whole hog, and next time we see a guy with a shootin' iron crawling into a bed-room window, let's not call the cops. Maybe the bird lives there and forgot his key. Every institution in the country is for lending Finland the shekels, and let her buy grapefruit or grenades whichever she wants, and at the same time telling Joe Stalin to go lay an egg. Every institution but three: The Communist Party, Boake Carter, and the United States Congress.

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Don't get this wrong. We wouldn't be for sending one half-witted rookie with a wooden gun over to save Finland, with the rest of Europe thrown in. But to work up a case of the jitters when an honest citizen, who pays his bills, ask the loan of a six-shooter to blast a gangster out of his own house, is stretching neutrality till it creaks. Drag us into war, hell. Joe's got his hands full with the war he's got.

— P. N. S.

By Jim Hurley

Sports Writer for the New York Mirror

Member of New York Chapter

How're y'u doin', Bud? Are you havin' any fun; are y'u makin' any money?

We can't help you on the last — nobody's making any as far as we can find out. Greater brains than ours have been wrestling with that problem since 1929, but I guess we'll all have to admit that they haven't made much of a dent in it.

But, being a YD'er you should be having fun. If you're not it's your fault. No matter what your station in life, no matter what your state of health, whether you're a success — and if you think you are, you are — or if you're still groping around trying to find the break you've sought for 30 years, you should be having fun.

As a member of the glorious Yankee Division, the frollicking, feeding (?) fighting YD in France, you have the greatest pass to fun that any man in America has. It may not get you into Braves Field, Boston Garden, the World's Fair or even the Boston L. But —

It can get you right into the heart of the greatest guys in the world — your fellow YD men. These passing shows, staged for your transitory pleasure or entertainment — these ball games, hockey games, stage shows, expositions, exhibitions are all ephemeral. They're gone after a few hours and what have you had? Temporary relaxation at best. Usually nothing that lingers in your memory over night. And again the next day you're looking for the same thing all over again.

If you're a true YD man you've got something no one can take away from you, some-

thing that is yours until the last moment of consciousness. What is it? A million memories and all of them pleasant. One of the many saving qualities of human nature is man's ability to forget the unpleasant experiences of life and think of only the happy things. If the Great Creator didn't make us that way our race would have departed the earth with the dinosaur and the dodo.

And what provokes those memories and takes you back to those days when it was one for all and all for one when common dangers and sacrifices made us all akin — what stirs up those memories more than the handclasp and the honest words of a fellow YD man?

Ask that question of yourself. Do you get that same kick in any other ex-service organization? Do you get it in a social or recreational club? We don't and we believe that we're just an average guy, like you and you and the other fellow.

On the other hand we've had the greatest kicks of our life out of meeting a YD man in out of the way spots from Canada to Florida and from the Eastern tip of Long Island to the Mississippi. What was the open sesame? A YD emblem! It immediately established more than an a mere acquaintanceship, it brought together two guys who had more in common than money, station in life, business or social organization cards could provide. And it opened up the way for fun — through memories.

And if you're a YD man who hasn't had this fun, certainly you are missing one of the greatest things in life — missing the thing that makes your great contribution from 1917 to '19 worth while. Step out and get that fun that's there waiting for you, Bud. The best way to do it is by affiliation with a YD chapter. It's your pass to things that nobody but a YD man is privileged to enjoy.

"BOZ" HAWLEY WRITES AGAIN

By Hudson R. ("Boz") Hawley
Ex-101st M.G.Bn., 26th Div.

News Editor, International Division, National Broadcasting Co. One of the Four Editors of the Board of "The Stars and Stripes", and "The Saluting Demon of the A.E.F."

When the leering Ray Kincaid asked me to do a piece for YANKEE DOINGS, I felt very much as I did when I got my first writing orders on "The Stars and Stripes," just 22 years ago. I'd been raised on two gentlemanly newspapers, The Hartford *Times* and the now defunct New York morning *Sun*, where membership in a college frat got you a B, in a University Club an A, and possession of a Phi Beta Kappa key sent you to the head of the class. But, for the good of my soul, and thanks to the democratizing process of this man's army, I suddenly found myself a buck private, with underwear so falling apart that it wouldn't support a frat pin, let alone an inspection.

"Now, Hawley, be funny! BE FUNNY!"

Of course, taking this order from a hatchet-faced little whippersnapper of a second looey, the piece I turned out after that injunction was the saddest of my entire checkered career. It was just as though some Army medico had painted my bean and hands with iodine, and marked them "Duty." For, you see, like the other three members of the editorial staff, Aleck Woollcott, Harold Ross, and John Winterich, I simply couldn't be consciously funny. It took the low Marine cartoonist, Wally Wallgren, to make comic characters out of us; a flattery which, I fear, we have never fully appreciated.

Aleck you all know, from his grand radio talks, his books, and his pet peeves, — witness the play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner", built all around the Woollcott Legend. Ross you should know as the highly successful editor of The New Yorker, that most amusing of sophisticated "slickies". John Winterich you knew many years as, first, the editor of the American Legion Weekly, and then of the Monthly. And I think you know me — damned unfavorably — as the perennial butt of Wally's libellous caricatures in the latter magazine.

Perhaps this is as good a time as any, then, to get even with that buzzard Wally. (Buzzard is the word I use when talking before ladies' clubs, or girls' schools, to avoid that grand old A.E.F. term of endearment, b------. There, I've let out the secret; so please don't leave this copy around where the Auxiliary and the Sons of the Legion can get hold of it and practise it on you — er, buzzards!)

Well, Wally had been fired from every Philadelphia paper there was before 1917 — and in those days there were a lot of them, so that took some doing. He's been blaming it all these years on to Bugs Baer, who, he says, used to lure him

down to Atlantic City, or Chesapeake Bay, or wherever it is those godly Quaker City guys go for their parties; but I know better. At the Legion convention in New York in September, 1937, we organized a joint mass meeting of the Society-of-Art Editors-Who-Have-Fired-Wally-Wallgren, and of the Marine-Corps-Officers-Who-Have-Court-martialled-Private-Wallgren; and by Gad, we not only sold out Madison Square Garden, but had to hold an overflow meeting in Central Park.

The Stars and Stripes talent scouts found Wally up in Damblaine, in northeastern France, stencilling signs on "officers' onlies," chow wagons, and barracks bags. Orders from G.H.Q. in Chaumont sped him to Paris, and indulgent Gyrene officers, flattered by that official tribute to the one creative artist in their grand old corps, promptly quashed the ninety-odd preferred charges, with their terrifying "in thats." And the day when the low Philly Swede arrived at the Gare de l'Est, Woollcott, Winterich, Ross and I realized that not only was it our job to get out a fairly literate eight-page weekly newspaper for the boys up forward and those in the S. O. S., but (1) to serve as models for his confounded pen and pencil, (2) to drag him in before his drawing board and make him deliver his one grand comic strip every Friday, and (3) to keep him not only out of the clutches of any non-Marine M.P.'s in Paris, but also out of the embraces of a legion of lucre-minded ladies.

That experience has aged us all beyond our years. Yet, being soldiers, we knew that the one thing that was selling the Stars and Stripes was Wally's weekly output; that the Army, no matter where it was, needed it; that, because of Wally's sublime disrespect and genial contempt for top-kicks, company clerks, mess sergeants, shavetails, sourpussed Y men, visiting Congressional firemen, and above all, staff officers, so ribaldly expressed, did the A.E.F. — even including his victims — a helluva lot of good. So our forays forth into bars (and other places beginning with b) to haul the engagingly low Philly Swede up to the starting post were all strictly in line of duty.

The morning after a Marine payday on which he sketched in Aleck at the Argonne front, holding a rose in his hand — Aleck had just come back to Paris to unload his week's gorgeous copy — is of course already AEF history. Showing the cartoon to our Little Butterball, as Woollcott was then known, Wally whispered, "Aleck, if you'll gimme the price of a coupla cornyacks, jus' to come back on an' steady me hand, I'll change that rose to a rifle!" And big-hearted Aleck, as he himself has written, yielded to blackmail.

Perhaps not so well known is the one about Pershing's final inspection of the paper's staff, in May, 1919, Steve Early — yes, FDR's secretary! — was our acting Officer-in-Charge, then just Capt. Early. The night before John J.'s descent on our sanctum, we were tipped off by never-mind-whom, and of course, Steve sent out reconnaissance parties for Wally. I was on one of them, and did a D.C.I. job right, interrogating all possible witnesses, and even taking prisoners for identification; but with no luck, as all the other searchers reported. Finally, at 10 minutes to 6 p. m., the hour at which the C.-in-C. was due, in rolled Wally, with a three days' beard, a breath that two elephants could chin themselves on, a dirty tunic, and a greasy forest-green shirt.

Stormed Steve, the while anxiously watching the clock:

"You low-down Gyrene Soandso, it's too late to get you shaved, and cleaned, and your teeth brushed — so get behind your drawing board, roll up your sleeves, and pretend to be working like hell! So when the General comes I can tell him that you've gotta rush order of work on, and didn't have time to spruce up, and maybe I can save you!"

Steve was about to say a good deal more, when all of a sudden came a rap on the door. The sentry posted there shouted "Shun!" and all 200 of us — staff, field agents, linotypers, circulation demons, advertising experts, etc., froze into it. Stepping forward smartly and clicking the spurs, Steve saluted like the Virginia gentleman he is, and inquired, with bated breath, "What would the General like to see?"

John J., slapping his left leg with those yellow gauntlets, replied, "Well, Captain, I'd like to meet Private Wallgren, who draws those cartoons!"

Steve's face turned ashen gray: "Private Wallgren, front and center!"

And Wally, if you please, came out of his corner with his right hand extended, and said, "How do you do, General Pershing?"

No salute! And the Old Man nuts on proper saluting! We all thought we would have to form up a firing squad to execute our little playmate; but no! John J. actually shook hands, chatted a moment with the Swede scapegrace, and went on down the line.

After that excruciating inspection was over — the incident about Aleck is worth a book in itself — and the C.-in-C. had made his speech, and

had mercifully gone, there was one wild rush for Wally.

"You low-life!" we shouted. "How did you ever get away with it? What did he say to you, and what did you say to him?"

"Oh, nothin' much," replied Wally, with that dead-pan Swede delivery. "He just asked, 'Did you do this sorta thing before you joined the Marines?' And, of course, I didn't know whether he meant drinkin' or drawin' — so I just said, 'Yes, Sir!' "

And with that, dear brethren of the best division in the A.E.F., I think I have scored at least a partial revenge on Wally — and on Ray Kincaid!

"VETERAN'S COMPENSATION"

Many cases have been called to my attention, relative to YD veterans being unable to get a square deal from ill effects contracted in the war or as a result of the war. It seems rather strange that any man who saw actual fighting service should be forced to prove this or that just because some clerk or clerks messed up the hospital record.

A great many YD men are not getting one penny, yet a great many who never saw action or hardly knew what it was all about, are receiving compensation for some unknown reason. Surely a man who served at the Navy Yard or Camp Devens for a month or even less can't prove that he was gassed or wounded.

Take the many cases where the politicians step in on civil service cases and even delay the examinations so that their friend may be taken care of. This has actually happened in Lynn several times. These men obtained a disability rating and were not forced to go to any hospital for an exam., and had no legitimate reason for applying, but nevertheless the "honest" pol fixed things up for him.

Why does all this go on year in and year out, with the deserving veteran unable to get anywhere. Every man who saw as much service as a YD man did, shouldn't even be questioned.

What's the answer to it all?

I'll tell you comrades.

More honest politicians, more honest government employees and less red tape for a deserving combat veteran. Why not be on the level and give the man a break who deserves a break.

— Ray Doucette, P.N.C.

THIS ISSUE

This month we have two Guest Editors, both well known YD men who make their business in the writing game. We have been looking for something different to pass on to you members and decided to ask some of the men of the Division who know their business to write a few articles of interest for us. First we have Jim Hurley, who writes the hockey news for the New York *Mirror*. He has kindly consented to send in this month the article you will find under "Between Ourselves". Jim is a busy man and we want to thank him for taking the time from his numerous duties to give us this write up. At present he is President of the Rod and Gun Editors' Association of Greater New York, President of New York Chapter Hockey Writers' Association and Chairman for Hockey of the Hoover Finnish Relief Committee. Member of the New York Chapter YDVA.

The other is Hudson R. Hawley, former Editor of the *Stars and Stripes* while we were in France and now News Editor, International Division, National Broadcasting Co. We want to thank you "Boz" for this very interesting story and think you will like it the same as we did, and hope that we may have the pleasure of many more articles in the future.

— H. Guy Watts.

ANOTHER YD MEMBER MADE JUDGE

Judge John T. Comerford (MG Co. 101st Inf.) recently appointed by Governor Saltonstall to fill the vacancy in the Brookline Municipal Court, was inducted into office on Tuesday, January 30th at a simple ceremony in the Municipal Courtroom before 500 friends and associates including delegations from the YD Veterans Association, American Legion and V.F.W.

Rev. Fr. William T. McCarthy of St. Mary's Church read the invocation. Judge Comerford's record as a soldier and as representative was read by Judge Daniel A. Rollins, presiding justice of the court, Judge Francis S. Wyner, senior special justice read the appointment. William Kenneally, former sergeant of the Machine Gun Company made a presentation of a set of law books in behalf of the veterans of his company, which Judge Comerford was Captain during the war.

THREE WAYS TO AID THE CONVENTION

First — Take an ad in the Special Program issue of YANKEE DOINGS. Get prices from headquarters.

Second — Make a Contribution.

Third — Register at once.

CONVENTION NEWS

Register now for the "bestest" convention of the year — the Second Home Coming of the Yankee Division, to be held in Boston, June 6, 7 and 8.

By doing this you will not only save yourself fifty cents, but even more important you will be helping your hard working committees now planning day and night for your reception and entertainment.

The cost of registration up to May 5th is $2.00. Thereafter it will be $2.50.

You may secure registration blanks by communicating with your post registration officer.

LEANDER REDFIELD, treasurer of the National Association, is chairman of the committee in charge of Registration. He has appointed a member of each YD Club to serve on that Committee. Contact him, if you please, at the earliest opportunity.

Another advantage of registering early is that the best seats for the big YD Reunion, at the "Behind The Lines In France" show, to be held the first night of the Convention at one of Boston's major auditoriums, will be distributed in order of Registration. In other words "first come, first serve."

This Reunion Show gives promise of being the best event of its type since the AEF left France.

Elsie Janis Expected

Not only will there be many rounds of boxing by the best amateur performers in the Country, but there will be at least 10 to 15 outstanding vaudeville acts, several bands and other features. Incidentally don't be surprised if there appears in the show the same girl who did so much to entertain the boys in France, the inimitable Elsie Janis.

Each man registering for the Convention will receive a reserved seat, a seat better than those that will be sold to the public for two dollars per copy.

Work on the promotion of the Convention is going ahead in full swing. Among those heading up the Convention Committee are many of those who played an important part in the 1930 American Legion National Convention at Boston, which convention still stands as the most successful soiree in the annals of the American Legion. These men know how to produce a convention and if there are any slip-ups, anything left undone to make your "Second Home Coming" enjoyable, it will not be because of lack of experience.

The Boston Committee realizes that it will have to go like H - - - to equal some of the YD Conventions of recent years, but with experiences of those conventions to guide them it is confident that it will make your stay in Boston a memorable occasion.

BEN JAMES, General Chairman of the Convention, incidentally the holder of the distinguished service cross, as well as the Division's most eligible bachelor, came out last week with the completed list of Committee chairmen. They are as follows:

Ways and Means — Chairman, RALPH M. EASTMAN, co-chairman, GEORGE WM. BENTLEY, Jr.; Registration — LEANDER REDFIELD, co-chairman, AUSTIN F. APPLEBY; Housing — chairman, JOHN F. COLLINS, co-chairman, GERALD T. WOGAN; Publicity — chairman, PAUL HINES; Day Parade — chairman, Adjutant General EDGAR C. ERICKSON; Night Parade — chairman, EDWARD J. MCCORMACK, co-chairman, WILLIAM P. RILEY; Distinguished guests — chairman, Brig. General JOHN H. SHERBURNE, co-chairman, HARRY D. COMERAIS; Banquets — chairman, FRANK W. COPPINGER; Military Ball — chairman, ALBERT W. BARNARD, co-chairman, KENNETH POULTON; Badges — P. O. PALMSTROM; First Aid — chairman, Dr. SIMON B. KELLEHER.

Souvenior Program Out

Already the Convention souvenir program is in circulation. AUSTIN APPLEBY, in keeping with his usual optician's foresight was the first to pay for a quarter page advertisement. GEORGE WM. BENTLEY, JR. was a close second with a full page. (Mr. Bentley, by the way, is the gentleman to whom all inquiries concerning the program should be directed.)

EDWARD J. (Knocko) MCCORMACK, chairman of the Night Parade, can hardly await the happening of that event. He is already lining up musical units, floats, etc. Send along your Club and other unit entries to him at the YD Memorial Club Building, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston. Several valuable prizes will be awarded to the best entries.

Adjutant General EDGAR O. ERICKSON, chief mogul of the day parade, announced at the last meeting of the Convention Committee, that all of the units of the new 26th Division will be well represented in the line of march. He is arranging for many other features, too nebulous to mention at this time. However, from all present indications it will be the most colorful procession

of its kind that Boston has witnessed in many a-day.

Among the distinguished guests who will be invited to attend the Convention are: Secretary of the Navy, Charles Edson and Secretary of War, Wm. Henry Woodring, and the six New England governors. All of the United States Senators from New England as well as all members of the House of Representatives from these parts will also be given an invitation.

Plans Spectacular Event

But uppermost in the minds of Committee at the present time is the proposed Re-union on the opening night, June 6. It is the hope of the Committee that this event will be the most spectacular show since the 102nd Infantry chased the Germans down the Grande Tranche de Colonne.

The Committee serves notice that all those planning to attend the Convention should make arrangements to be here for the opening day. Not only will there be tickets for a big league baseball game in the afternoon, but there will be at least three hours of boxing, (and we don't mean shadow boxing), music, vaudeville, and every other form of entertainment that can be crowded into a June night.

At the ringside, in addition to all of the colorful leaders of the wartime Yankee Division, will be hundreds of prominent Boston citizens — businessmen, society leaders, bankers, lawyers, brokers, etc. For joining with the Committee in the staging of the Convention are several hundred of Boston's leading citizens from all walks of life.

According to Guy Watts, the hard working and personable secretary of the Convention, every one of the 65 YD Clubs, will be represented at the Reunion. He says that several thousand Greater Boston veterans, most of whom have been too busy with their marital and other domestic duties in recent years to take part in YD activities, will also be in attendance. He predicts that the convention will be the largest attended in the history of the YDVA. "They will flock in," he claims, "like they used to answer mess call in France."

Military Ball Swinging Along

Enough has leaked out about the Convention's military ball to say that Chairman "Al" Barnard is now on the trail of Rudy Vallee or some other famous band leader to assure all the glamour boys of the Division and their ladies the best jitterbug music obtainable. For those who can't "jive" there will be more conservative music.

"Al" has had such a world of experience staging the many annual Boston YD balls that the Convention committee predicts he will arrange the most entertaining affair ever. He has been practicing for this one for years, they say. Don't be surprised if he presents a party that will be the talk of the convention.

AN OPEN LETTER TO NAT. COMMANDER J. O'LEARY

Dear Comrade Ntl. Cmdr.:

With reference to your remarks under the heading "The National Commander Says" as printed in the January issue of YANKEE DOINGS, please be advised that I know of exactly 3683 reasons why you should be the proudest National Commander of any Veterans Organization in these United States.

And just why? Because these 3683 reasons, yourself included, are the grandest, the fightin'-est, most human, fun loving, serious, lovable, and God-fearing bunch of lads who ever banded together for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of those now gone and to carry out the famous command of our beloved Daddy Edwards to "carry on".

They elected you to lead them through the year 1939-40 and if there be those who for some reason do not, or through force of circumstance, cannot choose to follow in the exact manner you had anticipated do not blame yourself, or your Department Commanders, or your Chapter Commanders, as after all we and they too are but human and for the most part have their own personal problems at home and which should rightly be their first consideration.

It is quite possible that the years have dealt more kindly with some than with others, as Dick Barlow infers in the last paragraph of his column for Bridgeport Chapter in January DOINGS. The mere fact that the outfit is going along at all should be a matter of pride with you rather than one of disgust, and I feel certain that you did not honestly mean to publicly state that you were disgusted.

Just where would the YDVA be today if Phil Sanborn and those other courageous lads of years ago had not kept the spark of YD con-

stantly kindled until it has grown into an active flame which I hope will never die. Suppose these lads had been lacking in the conviction to carry on and had "thrown in the towel".

Anyone who has been through the "chair" will tell you that they have had many occasion to feel plenty discouraged, time and time again, but I don't think you could find one to admit anything but pride in spite of the many and varied obstacles they may have been faced with.

So — Come on up out of the cellar, JERRY, get out in front and stick out your chin again. Let's hear you holler, "Come on you bunch of so and so's let's have some action," and more power to you.

Unless I miss my guess, you will have plenty to feel justly proud about when you have the singular honor of leading the old YD, escorted by the new YD through the streets of good old Boston next June, an honor which I know is the secret ambition of every member of the YDVA, namely to take the place of our beloved Daddy EDWARDS, if only for a single afternoon, in marching at the head of YDVA in Boston town. "Carry on Lad".

— KEN DENNIS.

ALL IN YD, SO SAFETY MUST WAIT

Waterbury, Co., Jan. 11, (INS) — The delegation of Waterbury policemen who went to Worcester, Mass., to tell of the safety campaign in Waterbury admitted today that the meeting turned out to be a Yankee Division convention with little or no talk about automobile safety.

The Waterbury delegation, led by Police Supt. WILLIAM J. ROACH, was greeted by Worcester police officials and that's when it ceased to be a safety meeting.

Some one noticed that Patrolman WILLIAM DWYER of the Waterbury delegation had a miniature YD button and observed:

"You're a YD man. I suppose you were with the 102nd. I was with the 101st."

In no time a score of other members of the Worcester police department who belonged to the YD strolled in. Then a hotel manager, also a YD man, dropped in.

The natural consequence was that the safety meeting was adjourned to the hotel and the safety convention abandoned.

The Waterbury delegation feels that another trip will be necessary so that Worcester police may learn about how to prevent automobile accidents.

MEMBERSHIP

Standing to Feb. 5th is as follows:

DEPT. OF ME.	
Augusta	4
Cumberland Co.	11
Farmington	15
Lewiston	29
Skowhegan	6
Waterville	25
At Large	17
TOTAL	107
DEPT. OF N. H.	
Concord	25
Dover	3
Franklin	17
Keene	46
Laconia	5
Manchester	77
Nashua	44
Rochester	17
Triangle	18
At Large	14
TOTAL	266
DEPT. OF VT.	
Bellows Falls	0
Brattleboro	27
Burlington	0
Montpelier	31
Rutland	21
Springfield	3
At Large	9
TOTAL	91
DEPT. OF MASS.	
Attleboro	4
Beverly	47
Boston	573
Brockton	15
Clinton	2
Danvers	27
Fitchburg	56
Haverhill	44
Holyoke	9
Lowell	70
Lynn	194
Marlborough	14
Milford	21
New Bedford	43
Northampton	5
Salem	42
Springfield	51
Webster-Dudley	21
Worcester	138
Foxboro	19
No. Reading	31
At Large	67
TOTAL	1493
DEPT. OF R. I.	
Kent County	32
Pawtucket	109
Providence	193
TOTAL	334
DEPT. OF CONN.	
Bridgeport	31
Bristol	92
Hartford	277
Manchester	77
Meriden	38
Middletown	19
New Britain	69
New Haven	132
New London	36
Norwalk	33
Stamford	44
Terryville	20
Torrington	30
Valley	41
Wallingford	21
Waterbury	31
Willimantic	51
At Large	8
TOTAL	1050
DEPT. OF U. S.	
Chicago	23
Cleveland	42
Denver	11
Detroit	27
Los Angeles	17
New York	153
St. Louis	11
Washington	34
At Large	105
TOTAL	423
GRAND TOTAL	3767

WORDS, IN PART, THAT HAVE COME TRUE

By J. Norman Lodge

New York, Nov. 11 — (AP) — Twenty-one years ago today a great hush fell over "Hell's Billion Acres."

A hush so great it echoed and re-echoed, replacing the artillery, machine gun and rifle fire which had for more than four years sounded unceasing taps.

Men, living like animals, in muddy, lice-infested ground holes, stretched their arms above their heads mindful that at last they need fear no bullet through an exposed wrist.

Men who had, for months without seeming end, walked with heads bent lest a stray bullet crease their skull, stood erect again. Rifles were tossed aside and combat troops lay back against firing steps giving full bent to their new found carefreeness.

The war was over! The long awaited armistice had been signed!

But to one man at least, there was doubt. He was only a top-sergeant, unschooled, profane, devil-may-care, as his two distinguished service crosses could attest. He had had no schooling in philosophy. Perhaps he was graduated from grammar school. At least he had no college degree nor had he ever studied political or economic science. Yet he was a philosopher and evidently he knew whereof he spoke.

There was quite a gang of us together that day shortly after the 11 A. M. armistice. Still uncomprehending what our new status was, we loitered in groups outside the hell-holes they called dugouts. We smoked, several men to a cigarette, while we dreamed orally of what we would do in the future.

The top-kick listened for perhaps 30 minutes and then, with a gravity hardly befitting his ruddy Irish face, he said, in the argot of the three-striper:

"Fellers, you stink in a refrigerator if you think this is the end of this war."

"You mark my words, before we are old enough to have kids our age, we'll be back in these lousy tranches again and fighting the same Jerries across the street (No Man's Land). You think I'm crazy. O.K. by me, but I think we stopped this lousy war too soon."

Cigarettes were forgotten. The top-kick in our outfit was a man to be listened to. He seldom spoke — when he did one listened.

"You and me might not be back," he continued, "but one'll get you five the Frogs and the Jerries'll be battling again before our kids graduate from grammar school.

"Here's the way I figure it. France is blown to Hell. Germany quits when they see us getting close, but they quit soon enough to keep their country from being blown to Hell and back.

"What will they be doing while France is rebuilding Meaux, Nancy, Royamieux, Chemin des Dames and those other lousy towns we've been billeted in?

"They'll be making bullets and saving food, that's what they'll be doing.

"What'll they be doing while England is trying to keep Ireland from getting too tough?

"They'll be building more subs. Inventing new machine guns. Teaching the kids back there how to handle them and making 'em hate England."

The top-kick turned and, looking at a sergeant named Dowd, he said: "Listen Dowd, one of us will be living when the next war comes. One of us will be back here again, finishing the job they wouldn't let us finish now. If it's me, I'll crack one skull for you, if it's you, you bust one for me."

That's the way it ended. An officer approached and we were assigned various jobs. Not until this year, about August, did the top-kick's words come back to me. Things looked dark then. They passed, but early in September war was declared.

The sergeant returned to his native Lawrence, Mass., became a member of the police force. Dowd also returned and became a fireman. Dowd still lives but the top-kick, Joseph A. Casey, D.S.C. with oak leaf cluster, hero of two solo sorties into No Man's Land, a man who blasted several German pill boxes to kingdom come, finally saw his number go up.

Death which escaped him through 10 solid months of front line fighting, discovered him about a year ago and forthwith posted his number.

If there's a skull to be cracked by an American Expeditionary Force, Sergeant John P. Dowd, who still lives, owes one to Casey's memory. The unschooled, profane, fight-loving top-kick, knew in part at least, whereof he spoke on Nov. 11, 1918.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE DEPT. COMMANDER, DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dear Joe:—

I suppose you was a little bit hot under the collar when you read the last issue of YANKEE DOING, and I know by the tone of your recent letter to me that what I said certainly didn't meet with your approval.

Well, JOE, let's talk this thing over, you are a damn good YD man, there can be no question about that and when I say a good YD man I mean just that; one who is willing to do anything you can for the association.

I know you have written several letters and made a lot of phone calls, and I also know that you had to move because your position required you to change offices. And JOE, I realize that all these things must be taken into consideration.

JOE, I don't want you to think that I want to be a dictator or boss, or anything of that kind, but I do want you to know that I am trying to do the job my friends expect and know that I can do.

You know your side of the story better than anyone else, and you must admit I know it pretty well myself.

There are less than one hundred paid up members of the YDVA in the State of Vermont at the present time, and JOE, you will admit that that is not so hot, for a State that furnished so many good soldiers to our old Division. Your State offers wonderful prospects, it is far enough away from all large cities, to offer an inducement to potential members of our association, and when you consider the hundreds of YD men who do not belong to the YDVA, you can realize that I have some justification in squawking. So JOE, don't let it make you feel bad, because after all, all that I said was that I was disappointed and if you will let me quote Mr. Webster, the guy who knows all the answers, what I said was just this: Disappointed — "To thwart or frustrate the hope of." Frustrate means, "To defeat, or thwart, nullify." So there you are JOE, I didn't invent the word or make it up or did I make my own interpretation of it. All we can do is quote Mr. Webster.

I know you have written to GUY WATTS at National Headquarters and have asked him about having me visit your State, and it is true you have received no reply. Don't blame anyone except me for that, and the reason you have not received any reply is because you haven't set any date that you want me to visit Vermont. I had planned to visit Vermont soon, but I purposely delayed my visit until after our membership drive is over, hoping that the membership in your State would be increased, so that when I do come up there we could have a good turnout of members.

Now JOE, let me give you my side of the story. Do you know that this year we have almost eight hundred new members, which is something out of the ordinary. We have had several new chapters join our association. But JOE, here is the sad part of it all, we are almost one thousand behind last year in re-ups, which is very bad to say the least. And do you know that if we had all the members paid up who belonged last year, with all our new members who joined this year, right now several months before our convention, our membership would be the biggest it has ever been. Another thing JOE, please remember that every other National Commander has had the assistance of our National Secretary to help him in every way, and as you know PHIL hasn't been able to assist me, I have had to go along without his council and service. But I expect he will be with us soon, and in his absence GUY WATTS has been doing a swell job. But that's a story all by itself. Your new Assistant National Secretary HOWARD HUNT has been working hard, which is still another story. Why am I telling you all this? Just so you will know what the YDVA means to some of us and what we are willing to do for the best association that any ex-service man can belong to.

JOE, you know that when a fellow runs for office he wants that office, that's the only reason he runs, and after getting elected I think he should do everything that the office calls for. Don't you think so?

Well JOE, I could go on and on and tell you lots of things but I have tried to boil it down a little to clear up the situation, so you could see it from my side. JOE, you are the State Commander in Vermont. I know you have the ability to do a swell job in your State. I also know that a gang of fellows who wear green berets will be in Boston in June to attend the best convention the YDVA ever had, and JOE I know this, that JOE ABAIR is going to work as hard as he can to get re-ups and new members for the YDVA, and also build up the chapters and or-

ganize the Department of Vermont. Why? Because as I said before, JOE ABAIR is a good YD VA member.

In closing JOE, I will see you soon, up where they make hills bigger and greener, up where the YDVA is going to be bigger and better. So long for now JOE.

Sincerely,
— JERRY O'LEARY,
National Commander.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

At a meeting which I am to attend in the near future the announced topic for the speaker of the day is "The Poison in Patriotism". Knowing the speaker, I rather think he has concocted a catchy title which doesn't say exactly what he means. For when patriotism becomes inoculated with poison of any kind it ceases to be patriotism. It would be as incongruous as, for example, an evil virtue.

Yet, I think I know what my friend means. It is what I have had in mind frequently and what has been called to your mind as the waves of racial hatred and narrow nationalism have washed across thousands of miles of sea to lap our shores. Perhaps "poison" is too strong a word. It is more like good medicine taken in an over-dose. Or like a vacationist basking in the sun to get that healthy tan — and suffering from sun-burn as the result of over-exposure.

Let us beware, then, of the super-special, streamlined brand of "patriotism" that not only places America first — which is where she should be in our affections — but looks upon every other land as inferior and second-class. We are what we are by the grace of the Almighty. Our wealth, our natural resources, our "woods and templed hills" are not of our own making. Rather we have too often despoiled the fruit of ages, and nature takes her revenge, e.g. by whirling the fertile soil of the "dust bowl" across the land.

Yet still we are blessed among nations and favored above all the peoples of the earth in material things. And the most casual observer and most shallow thinker must agree that America is a pretty fine land to live in these days. Internal squabbles make life interesting and lively, but there are no black-outs and bombing raids. Our sons are looking forward to college, to future jobs, to homes with the one and only girl, not to the big offensive in the spring, the job of dying, the haunting realization that there may never be a home for two . . . or three, or more.

We should fall on our knees every day and thank the God that "hath made and preserved us a nation" for the America of 1940. Not many Sundays go by that I do not voice such a prayer of thanksgiving from my pulpit. Comparatively few will make such a daily prayer. Yet the silent, fervent gratitude of the sincere heart will reach to the throne of the God of all nations. And even more pleasing to Him will be the honest, unadulterated love of country that has no suggestion of false pride, no holier-than-thou attitude toward any people, no taint of "ismatic" poison to even remotely infect the glorious passion of free people that we call patriotism.

God bless America! And God bless all other lands too. Such is the prayer of the true patriot.

— Rev. WILLARD S. SMITH,
Nat. Chaplain, Y.D.V.A.

A CHAPTER IN PHILADELPHIA

After writing dozens of letters to Philadelphia and getting very poor response it was decided to make a trip down to Quakertown and try and make personal contact with some of the members at large in and around that city. Letters were sent to all who we had addresses for telling them that the National Commander and Acting Secretary would be at the Hotel Warwick on Saturday evening.

We took the Colonial arriving in Phillie about four o'clock and when we got to the hotel DAVE HERMAN (101st MP'S) was waiting for us. We had no more than got up to our suite when others began to arrive. First to come was WILLIAM J. SWEENEY (C Bty 101st FA). He is living in Bala but was originally from Somerville, Mass. Next was DARRAGH HIGGINS (F Co. 101st Eng.). DARRAGH is living over in Joisey at Haddon Hgts. GEORGE HUDSON (101st Signal) who is living in Roxbury, Penn. EDWARD HEYMANN (M Co. 102nd Inf.) from Cynwyd another suburb of Phil. HARVEY ELLIS, (102nd FA) of Collingswood, N. J., just across the river. HAROLD STILL (102nd MG) was in before we arrived and left his card. A telegram was received from BILL MORRISON (Hdqrs. 101st Inf.) who lives in York. Letters from Rev. RAYMOND MCKONE (C Bty 103rd FA), ARTHUR FREY, (A Bty, 103rd FA) Chambersburg, and GUSTAV GUNDERSON, Pottsville.

A good open discussion was had and all present were very interested and agreeable to starting something there. It seemed that everyone knew two or three other fellows who they thought

they could interest in attending a meeting if an organization could be started.

HARVEY ELLIS agreed to act as Secretary and look up a meeting place and send out cards and it looks as if with the dozen that will be transferred from Members-at-Large and those who have been promised to bring in that the new Chapter will start with at least 25 members. The wires got crossed and PHIL SOUSA (D Co. 101st Inf.) drove all the way from Allentown and missed us by a few minutes.

Later in the evening we visited with HARVEY ELLIS most of the VFW Posts in South Jersey. JIM MCCARTHY (C Bty 102 FA) was visiting in Camden and came over and joined us and stayed until we left. On Sunday after resting we took the plane and arrived back in Boston tired but happy over the success of our trip.

— H. GUY WATTS.

LAST MAN'S CLUB
A Co., 103rd M.G. Bn.

On Jan. 24th the L. M. C. held its yearly business meeting and election of officers at the Armory of Mounted Commands in Prov. R. I. This being the armory from which old troop, A. R. I. Cav., "later converted to A Co., 103rd M.G. Bn.", left for Overseas. This being the first time in years that A Co. has met in this armory, it was like coming back home, but activities there that night made some of the boys do some very deep thinking, what with today's National Guard kids having pistol practice, some pushing caissons, others manning range-finders, still others practicing with telephone equipment, etc., etc. Some of our L. M. C. boys having sons in the National Guard today. I repeat there was some "deep thinking."

We had a fairly good turnout with several new faces which indicates a healthy situation. Among those present were, Jack "top-kick" BAIRD, Corp. BEECH, "Geeser" LAPRADE, Davey DAVIDSON, "Soup gun" TWEEDLY, "Dinky" DANN, Corp. WALLACE, "Football" SHABBOTT, FRANK SENIOR, and CHARLEY FINLEY drove about 80 miles to get here, "thanks again" Charlie. After the officers were duly elected we held a short business session and discussed plans for a "barn dance" to be held about the end of February.

JACK BAIRD was appointed a committee of one to contact the War Dept. for the purpose of obtaining a Hotchkiss M.G. to be placed in the armory beside C Co.'s Memorial Gun. We hope to have this completed for May 30th.

We also heard the good news that CHARLIE FINLEY L. M. C. present Commander of American Legion is trying to start a YD Chapter in Dennisport, Mass., he says he has about 20 YD men down there. "JERRY O'LEARY please take notice." (I recommend CHARLIE FINLEY as a hell of a worker.) Good luck, Charlie.

AL SHABBOTT had plenty of "heat" over the last week-end, he had to run down to N. Y. on business so he brought his wife and child along, while driving down Merritt Parkway he was stopped by a State cop for "moping" and when asked for his license found that it had expired a few days earlier, he tried to pull the old YD stuff but the guy "never heard of it". What's the matter with those Conn. Yankees. They held AL overnight, wife and child, and soaked him a "finn" for good measure. Tough luck, AL, that should have been in Boston, "Good Town."

The L. M. C. last week lost one of its few remaining bachelors. Good old "Spud" MULLARKEY went and did it. (Remember him in the horribles parade he was one of the Siamese twins) and there is a little YD interest here, Spud went to the YD Convention in Hartford last year and while roaming around the Bond Hotel cast his eyes on the prettiest little girl in the house, from then on he cancelled all engagements and refused to go home that night. All you remaining bachelors take note. Attend the YD Conventions and keep your eyes open, there is still hope. Enough is enough so I will sign off pronto.

P.S. "Spud" says he is going to the Boston Convention this year with his wife. I wonder what he's looking for now.

— J. L. "Pete" B.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Jerry D. O'Leary, Nat. Park Service, Escoheag, R. I.
National Secretary: Philip N. Sanborn, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: William E. Love, Box 563, Farmington, Maine.
Dep't. Secretary: Rex W. Parsons, Box 684, Farmington, Maine.

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY CHAPTER
Lewiston - Auburn

Commander: J. Fred Shaw
5 Vale St., Lewiston, Me.
Secretary: William E. Roach
112 College St., Lewiston, Me.

Not much news from this neck of the woods for this month and what with the mercury flirting with the zero mark almost every morning now for eight weeks, am beginning to wonder if we will get thawed out in time for the big jamboree in Boston next June.

We do put on the red flannels and galoshes once or twice a week and brave the elements to play indoor baseball, and with fair success so far, having won eight while dropping five for an average of .625.

Glad to read in January DOINGS that PHIL SANBORN is on the mend and sure did get a lot of inspiration from his message in "Between Ourselves". Also got a kick out of our National Commander's article on membership. JERRY sure puts it out straight from the shoulder and we like a guy like that so we will stick out our chin and suggest that a change be made in our fiscal year. No doubt we will have the largest attendance ever at the Boston Convention and would like to start a discussion on the matter from now until then and have it taken up on the floor of the Convention.

We have it on our chest for quite some time now, so here goes, October is usually a pretty nice month all over New England so why not another year have the Convention then, elect our officers and have them and the rank and file go home and go to work at a time when activities usually get going in most organizations.

We could have our present National officers hold over until then and work out some arrangement on the matter of dues. We honestly feel that something along this line would make for a large increase in our membership. However, if we are all wet on this thing so be it, but there she is, take it for what it may be worth, if anything.

Hope to meet up with a big crowd of loyal YDers at the meeting of Cumberland County Chapter in Portland on next Saturday the 3rd.

— BILL ROACH.

PORTLAND PARAGRAPHS

There are dates and still more dates, dates that you eat, dates that you keep and dates that you will remember. February 3, 1940 is in the latter class, for on that date, the Cumberland County Chapter, Y.D.V.A. held a most successful affair, for on that date we had our reception and banquet for the National Commander, JERRY O'LEARY. The message that he brought to us was one of hope and good will, and it done a lot to give us the courage to carry on in face of the many obstacles that we have to contend with in Portland.

There are not many men with a bigger heart than JERRY O'LEARY, listen to this: Our Honorary Member WARREN KING, has been sick in bed for a long time, and perhaps will never attend one of our meetings, a lonely old man, in this busy world of ours, is forgotten by many of his friends of past years, was saddened by the thought that he could not be with us, he was pleased beyond bounds when he received a phone call, giving him the best wishes of his many friends in the Y.D.V.A. through its Commander JERRY O'LEARY. A man must have a heart when he can take time from a busy evening to do such a thing as that.

MAC STODDARD is another who did more than his part to make the evening a success. If there is a man more busy than he is, we have yet to find him. As Toastmaster he did a fine job and we are extremely grateful to him. A 100% YDer.

GUY WATTS gave us a good description of the work he is doing and lots of good pointers that we can use later, his remarks on the next con-

vention should bring in a lot of advance registrations.

A bunch of orchids to ALFRED POIRIER of the new chapter from Waterville, we don't know if he used his authority as Chief of Police to get twenty-five members to come 80 miles to attend a YD meeting. But that is evidence of the enthusiasm down that way, and even though it is the baby chapter in this State of Maine, we say that it is a lusty baby and it will make itself heard in the civic life of its community. Just room on this line to mention that the Charter was presented to the new chapter.

We must not forget RAY DOUCETTE for he came a long way to do his part in the program. We never had a better friend than RAY, and his message was to the point as his messages always are. We say that he also can throw a whopper of a bouquet.

It is impossible for the writer to give credit to all who did their part to make the evening what it was. A grand time, but to all those, Cumberland County Chapter sends thanks.

To AUSTIN APPLEBY, many thanks for the pictures, after seeing those beautiful brunettes from the Isle of Bali, the yen to travel almost overcame us, but we lost it when whe saw the trip of the Navy around the Horn. I'll take my war on land and damn little of that.

There is no need of a mention that ROACH, SHAW and many others were down from Lewiston. And of course the one and only E. K. HALE. You would know he was there if he was not named.

We have just heard that AUSTIN LUND has spent a lot of time in the hospital the past year but is on the gain. If you know him send a card to 168 Franklin Street, Portland.

PERCY DEWITTE is back to Dover-Foxcroft from Togus feeling much better, TOP TYLER is still there and will stay there the rest of the winter.

We hear that WILLARD P. LOVEJOY was elected President of the Portland Lawn Bowling Ass'n. a few days ago. If WILLARD can bowl as well as he could shoot he won't have any trouble getting high scores. He was a sniper long time ago.

If you don't think and do as the mob does, some 5 and 10 patriot will want the Dies Committee to check up, on you. Better get out the old gag, you will need it. Free speech will be as extinct as the Dodo and hoop skirts.

In a letter we received from Sgt. Thomas J. Smith, Camp Paraiso, Canal Zone, he mentions a Rowan, one time YD Field Art. and a D. E. Dickson, Co. M, 101st Inf., who is employed by the Government at Pedro Miguel, they all send regards and no doubt would like to hear from those that remember them.

Here is some more about LUND, who served with Co. F, 101st Am. Tr., he has a spinal injury that has had him in a cast for some months and will keep him there for more months to come. He wants to contact members of his squad who were with him in the Argonne, it seems that at some time or other they were removing a 75 that had been put out of action, a wheel slid into a trench and LUND and some others done some heavy lifting in getting it out. Now those that were with him at that time, dig into the think box and see if you can remember it and let him know your version of it. It may help him to establish a claim. A man with a wife and eight children need help if any one does.

— MINNIE LA TOUR.

WATERVILLE

Commander: Alfred Poirer
13 Western Ave., Waterville, Me.
Secretary: Arthur C. Sprague
72½ Western Ave., Waterville, Me.

Just a few little words about the baby Waterville Chapter. Our membership now numbers 22, and I believe the dues have been sent in to Boston by the secretary. We held a meeting the middle of the month and elected ALFRED POIRER, one time top soldier of Co. H, 103rd Inf., and now Chief of Police of Waterville as Commander; JAMES E. MCMAHON, Vice Commander; ARTHUR SPRAGUE, Secretary and PHILIP S. (Pop) JONES as Treasurer. The executive committee consists of the above officers and PETER DIAMBRI, ALBERT OSBORNE and JAMES L. BOYLE.

It was a good meeting with 18 present and a committee was named to devise ways and means of earning some money for the chapter. A number of comrades took names of others and are busy contacting them. A census of Waterville and vicinity showed over 60 YD men and everyone will be seen in the drive for members.

Commander POIRIER led a delegation of fourteen to Oakland Saturday afternoon, Jan. 27, to attend the funeral of Sergeant ARTHUR PERKINS of Co H, 103rd Inf. The service was in charge of the Decker Post, American Legion, Kenneth G. Macaulay, Commander. The bearers were all Co. H members from Waterville, Com. POIRIER, MCMAHON, CLOVIS JOSEPH, CLYDE MURRAY, THOMAS GEORGE and JOHN BARNEY.

STEVE ABBOTT, Supply Co., 103rd Inf., is at Togus, and his condition is serious at this time.

JIM BOYLE, one of Dr. Towne's pill rollers, and a member of the Association, was given a testimonial party by George N. Bourque Post, American Legion, Jan. 22. It was occasioned by the fact that Jim is the dean of all A. L. state adjutants. Among the speakers were the following, Dr. J. G. TOWNE, Gen. AL GREENLAW, and JOHN F. CHOATE, past department commanders and all YDers.

Before this is printed we will have received our charter at the Portland get-together. Present indications are that from 12 to 15 will make the trip and this may be increased before Saturday night.

GEORGE LANGLEY, Co. C, 103rd Inf., is at a Waterville hospital suffering from a septic sore throat. It will be several weeks before he is able to be out.

That's all for now. Several of the boys, including myself might buy a beret if you had some at Portland.

— J. E. MCMAHON.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Eugene Dugas, 72 Elm St., Manchester, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Leon N. Magee, 68 So. Main St., Penacook, N. H.

KEENE

Commander: Michael Zaluki
8 Roosevelt St., Keene, N. H.
Secretary: Leroy E. Codding
47 Russell St., Keene, N. H.

Comrade do you realize that you have the opportunity of belonging to one of the most exclusive organizations in the world today. Money, power, social prestige or the strings that are often pulled in the world today will not allow you to join the ranks of that wonderful organization the old Yankee Division.

Only the service that the members of that division went through entitle them to belong. Are you proud of that service? Would you sell the priceless hours that you spent and the memories that still burn in your breast, for what?

A few members of that division have been carrying the torch here in Keene the last few years and if I do say so, the torch is beginning to get heavy. Are we to have any of you birds ready to give the old gang a lift so that we will feel that we are not all alone out in the field?

It will be 22 years ago April 4th, that you as a member of that famous division marched thru the streets of Boston, Massachusetts. More than a million people were on hand to welcome you home and to show their appreciation of what you had done for your Country. They were from all parts of the New England states and how proud you were that you were in the line of march instead of on the sidelines. Do you remember that day? You can say what you will, but that was one of the days that will stay with you till you answer the last roll call. Perhaps you have forgotten that the parade that day was the largest military parade that was ever held in New England.

Now here is the story:

Are we as former members of that wonderful organization going to forget all our good fellowship and friends that we made when we were members of the different outfits that made up that wonderful division?

True, we all have our own friends, clubs and social cliques, our everyday interests and our desire to try and make an honest dollar. But, true friendship is in talking some of our troubles over with some of the good old pals that would gladly give you the old grip if you would give them the chance.

'Nuf ced, see MIKE ZALUKI and give him your dues and show up at the meetings and let's show the whole cockeyed world that the old Gang is still in the running.

No excuses and everyone in Keene with a paid up card and once more to Boston we will go and put on one good showing at the next convention that will be held on June 6 - 7 - 8, 1940.

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Sunday, February 4th in the American Legion Hall at 2:00 P. M.

Let me hear from you, if only to tell me to go to "H - - -".

— M. D. ZALUKI.

MANCHESTER

Commander: Martin P. Holleran
46 Elm Ave., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Walter J. Boardman
29 Manning St., Manchester, N. H.

Greetings PHIL, and happy to know you are back on the job once again. Take it easy PHIL, you only live once, so live and live and live. Well PHIL, Manchester chapter held its regular monthly meeting last night and it's a h - - l of a

long time since I've seen so many members or ex-members in attendance. Here's the reason:

At our December meeting it was voted to hold a ladies' night at the January meeting and did the gals fall for it. Honestly all the old boys showed up, with the gals they took, regardless of how they got 'em and were they good, fatter maybe, but once they got on the dance floor they couldn't shake like they used to. Oh boy, but how they made us sweat. Gene, as usual, was the Plug who put the ladies' night over and all credit should be given to him and no one else. For without the ladies, we'd had no night. It was their 'Eve" and they took hold and furnished everything but the music and liquid refreshments. Mrs. Doc. Drury and Mrs. Gene Dugas headed the ladies committee and my YD hat is off to these charmers. We had guests from Concord, Nashua and Portland, Me.

Besides dancing to an imported "Real Cowgirl and boy crooning outfit", beano and bowling was enjoyed. The YD Quartet, DRURY, VIGNEAULT, BOARDMAN and LEO NORMANDEAN made those attending glad they had such an outstanding crooner as LEONAS TARHELL, whose rendition of "Come Josephine in my Flying Machine" drove everyone attending — even Josee — home.

It was our first Ladies' Night, the gals like it and we will have more.

— BOARDMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"

Commander: Abiel M. Smith
30 Bailey Ave., Montpelier, Vt.

Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre, Vt.

It has befallen my lot to act as correspondent pro tem and while I have never done anything like it but sit on the sidelines I hope I will not disgrace my "Boss" JOE ABAIRE, who unfortunately is working away from this county and is greatly missed by Washington Co. YD-ers, although we have a great leader in "ABE" SMITH who is our present Commander, who has been using a little TNT lately in instigating some promising activities for the near future.

We held a meeting last Tuesday evening, Jan. 23rd at Miller's Inn, Montpelier at which there was a goodly gathering for the severity of the weather. At eight o'clock the thermometer registered *10 below zero* and some of the boys came twelve miles to attend the meeting, so contrary to our "White Father of Providence" the boys are still staying with JOE and the rest of the officers of the Washington County Chapter.

There was a discussion of ways and means of really building up the chapter and at that time it was voted to have another party as famous as our previous "Uncle Ezra Hayloft Parties" which had been so popular with everybody in years past and also had been so profitable to our Chapter.

This party is to be held at the Community Hall at Montpelier, Wednesday, February 21st. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Finnish Relief Fund.

The Chairman of this fund who happens to be a Montpelier gentleman, has very willingly consented to cooperate in every way to make our party a huge success in which there is no doubt at all that it will be.

It was suggested that each member attending this meeting promise to bring a former member of the YD outfit, and so each member pledged themselves to do so. There are a lot of the boys around everywhere that for some reason have never joined. While we maintain a slight margin over the rest of the chapters in the state in membership our commander wishes to strengthen that margin. So, the rest of the State better watch our smoke.

Incidentally, we wish to make this announcement — Each and every YD-er is most cordially invited to attend our great party which is to be held here in Montpelier, February 21st, at Community Hall, and we are sure that all who attend will be well repaid for their efforts.

With the very best wishes to all the chapters in Yankeeland.

— RICHARD W. JEROME.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Austin F. Appleby, 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Dennis J. Brunton, 42 Ranney St., Springfield, Mass.

MASS. DEPT. COMMANDER'S REPORT

Allow me to start my report with just a few words of praise for two swell buddies, Dept. Sergeant-at-Arms, (Cowboy) JIM SULLIVAN and ERROL EMERY, who have accompanied GUY WATT (call me Harold) and me everywhere on these visits to Chapters, inside and outside the State, as well as planning to go to Portland, Me., on February 3rd. AL THOMPSON (call me a taxi) and LEA REDFIELD, our National Treasurer, also have lost some sleep on some of these trips. Thanks, boys, for your company and help. It is one of the things you cannot buy, but you get for nothing from the boys of the YD.

Nov. 16 — Attended the Beverly Banquet. Their first, but I hope it is going to be a yearly event. Keep it up, boys.

Nov. 17 — Attended the No. Reading Chapter. Installed the Officers. Presentation of Charter by GUY WATTS. A swell party afterwards by the girls and boys of the Snow Country. They brought in 12 new members.

Dec. 3rd — State Dept. Meeting in Danvers. Very well attended, and some good resolutions passed presented by Lynn Chapter via RAY DOUCETTE and Pres. GARAFANO in regards to *isms*. With the boys from Worcester, Springfield and Boston visiting the Danvers Hospital. Harvey, have you lost those 40 lbs. yet?

Dec. 4th — Board of Governors' meeting.

Dec. 7th — Convention Corp. Meeting. What a meeting! Everyone is told what to do.

Dec. 13th — First meeting of our Baby Chapter. They are going places. Swell crowd and plenty of action. New quarters on the way and possibly a change of name to enable them to broaden out. Entertained with Convention pictures, etc.

Dec. 15th — Boston YD Club Ball at the Copley Plaza Hotel. A yearly event and how! If you have never attended, you are missing the standout event of the year.

Dec. 16th — YD Juniors' Banquet. They are getting ready for that special contest for YD Junior Drum Corps on June 8th at Boston. Come on all you Juniors, get in training.

Dec. 19th — Good will visit to the Norman Prince Post V.F.W. on invitation of Com. TONY ROCK. Entertained with Hartford Convention pictures, etc. Took plenty of kidding from OSCAR BOHLIN. Thanks Oscar, I love it!

Dec. 21st — Smoker night at YD Club, Boston.

Jan. 4th — Ways and Means Committee meeting of Convention Corp. RALPH M. EASTMAN is Chairman and what a Committee. It sounded like "Information, please?" You couldn't stump them. They are all experts.

Jan. 7th — State Dept. Meeting in Worcester. Another well attended meeting and plenty of action. HOWARD HUNT and JERRY were our guests, along with two of our Past Dept. Com. ELLIOTT and NOYES. Thanks, boys, for the help you rendered. Worcester Chapter put on another of their swell feeds. How do you do it, boys? After the feed, we were taken in hand by RAY ROSSEEL and AUSTIN KENNEDY just so we wouldn't go home disappointed. Nuf ced.

Jan. 8th — Board of Governors' meeting.

Jan. 9th — Fitchburg. Installation of Officers by our Past Dept. Com. TED NOYES and Past Dept. Com. CLYDE ELLIOTT. A swell job TED and CLYDE. Thanks. After the installation, entertained with pictures and, as usual, they fed us again. No wonder we lose our girlish figures. The boys in Fitchburg are going after new members in the surrounding towns and hope to bring in enough so they will have to change their name to cover a larger territory. Go to it, Tom, put those new officers to work.

Jan. 11th —Convention Corp. Meeting. Swell reports from all Chairmen. Everybody working and getting results.

Jan. 14th — Attended Conn. State Dept. Meeting with my usual 1000 lbs. ballast. P.S. I needed it. Some storm! Upon invitation of Past Nat. Com. ED MILLER, we entertained with pictures of Convention and then they entertained us and how! Thanks, boys. Left at 9 P. M. arrived at 10.20 at Duffy's and when we left, we had a 1/4 page adv. for our Convention number. Duffy is a member of the Old Emmet Guards. Patronize him, boys, on your way to and from Conn.

Jan. 18th — Smoker at the Boston YD Club.

Jan. 22nd — Haverhill. Conducted Joint Installation of Officers. Congratulations, Haverhill, you have a swell gang. Ladies, keep the boys moving. You sure know how with your

swell feeds and entertainment. Thank you, ladies, may nothing mar your progress.

Jan. 26th — Salem. Celebrated the 21st Anniversary with a bang-up affair to start its membership drive. Plenty of Brass Hats present, including RALPH LAVERS, A. L. Com., JERRY O'LEARY, Nat. Com., City officials and believe it or not, the Navy Paint Brush was the M.C. and did his usual good job. All the officers of the Chapter were present which certainly showed the right spirit. Congratulations, Salem, on your *team* play. Com. BANNON and S.V.C. WALSH, Secretary LAFORME did the honors for the Brass Hats after the meeting. Get it? Orchids to the ladies for their support of the Salem Chapter.

In closing, I would like to answer our National Commander in regards, quote, "to the tough problem I have on my hands" unquote. In Massachusetts, there is no *tough problem*, thanks to the chapters, because they are all doing all they can, and the proof lies in the fact that they are keeping me busy attending their functions, in fact, I should be quintuplets to do all I would like to do. Look over the reports of Chapters and this report, Mr. National Commander, if you think Massachusetts is slipping. More and more Chapters are getting more money in their treasury than ever before. Why? Because they are active! Why, even the State Department has over $190.00.—Massachusetts there she stands!

Coming Events in February

4—State Department Meeting in Haverhill.
4—Worcester Club's annual visit to Rutland.
6—Salem Club's annual Mardi Gras.
16—Springfield Membership drive.
21—Lowell annual Banquet.

BEVERLY

Commander: Joseph H. Metcalfe
66a Bridge St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: George A. Bright
39 Eastern Ave., Beverly, Mass.

Another month gone by. Seems as though I just sent in an article for the YANKEE DOINGS, and here I am again trying to think up something interesting to write about. Perhaps it is old age that is creeping up on us, that makes the time fly so quickly.

Was very glad to read in last month's DOINGS that PHIL is coming along O.K. The Beverly Chapter sends their best wishes for a speedy recovery and hope to have him with us in the near future and give us one of his old time pep talks.

Our first meeting of January, although not attended by a very large gathering, was the best meeting that we have ever held. It seemed that every member present had something to talk about during the course of the evening. This in my opinion is what will build up a Chapter. Instead of sitting back and letting one or two fellows do all the talking, get up and say what you have on your mind. Do not wait until after the meeting is over, and go out on the sidewalk and do it. This meeting was such a peppy affair that we hated to go home.

Our Chairman of the Xmas tree party for the children, GUY FOSSIANO, gave his report and it was a cracker-jack — every bill was paid except one for crackers. Thereupon our good friend and Chaplain, HAROLD HEALD (101st Engineers) wrote out a check for the amount, which closed the books for the affair, leaving nothing but the memory of a wonderful time for the children and grown-ups as well.

Our Turkey Raffle went off swell, and due to the fact that our treasury was rather depleted, we voted to put all the profit from it into our general fund, instead of half in the flag fund.

Plans are now being formulated to conduct a Minstrel Show sometime in March.

Late in the fall of last year, there was a move on foot in this city to build a Veterans Memorial Building, to house all the veterans organizations. This move burned out, but someone has lit a match under it again, Commander METCALF has appointed a committee consisting of Past Commander FRANK SMITH, Sr. V. Comm. FRED HAMMOND, Treasurer TOM BAIRD and CARLTON HOSELY to work in conjunction with others to put it over.

For our second meeting of the month we voted to attend a lecture by Professor Faye of Harvard College on "Germany and the War."

I see by DOINGS that my old friend, ROLAND HOOGERZEIL is Secretary of the newly formed Foxboro Chapter. Goodluck to you Roly.

Also pleased to report that FRANK DUPEE is out of the hospital.

— JOE BRIGHT.

BOSTON

Commander: Benjamin James
88 Broad St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The January Smoker of the Boston Club was held on the 18th with a capacity crowd. BILL GRIMES was the Guest Speaker of the evening. His subject was Sports and he gave a very inter-

esting talk on his experiences as a writer of Sports Columns in the past 20 years.

Several trophies were recently presented to the Club for our Trophy Room by General JOHN H. SHERBURNE, also a complete set of Boston Posts for the years of the war from 1914 to 1918.

Membership prize was not drawn again in January and is beginning to mount up once more. Everyone is hard at work on their assignments for the Convention and PAUL HINES has been getting lots of space in the papers.

JACK CURRIER is at it again: "The Allies get all the Breaks."

Do you mean Aliens? Well, it's all the same.

REDFIELD: "How do you spell PACIFICI?

G. W. — "Add an I to Pacific.

RED: "That doesn't help me any."

APPLEBY (under his breath): "I'll give those guys in the back seat the cold air cure.

Lt. Col. BERNARD L. GORFINKLE, a member of the Boston Club, who served as a Captain Overseas with Divisional Hdqrs., was installed as the new Commander of the Newton Post, Jewish War Veterans at ceremonies held at Memorial Hall, Newton on January 25th. Col. GORFINKLE served eighteen months with the YD in France and was awarded the Belgium Order of King.

YD AUXILIARY 290 A. L.

A very interesting and well attended meeting was held Thursday, Feb. 1st.

Catherine Collins, Hospital chairman and Claire Poulton, Welfare chairman read their detailed reports on Christmas work. Mrs. Collins said a total of $41.00 was expended in her hospital visit. Mrs. Poulton said a total of $64.00 was expended for the welfare. Of this amount a donation of $35.00 worth of new toys was given to the Auxiliary by a friend of Mrs. Anne Johnson. The toys and articles of new clothing were given to children of veterans.

The unit has again received the state citation for obtaining its membership quota of 55. Also special mention for having met all obligations required by state department. — Such as its share of the rent of the Disabled Ex-Service Men's Exchange, Des Invalides Fund, Scholarship Fund and Treasurer's Bond. A great deal of credit is due the small group of active members who carry on month after month to keep YD Unit 290 at the top.

At this time we wish to thank our many friends of the YD Club who contributed toward the Christmas Fund.

Several members of the Junior Auxiliary attended the meeting. They will soon conduct a Penny Sale in conjunction with the Squadron.

Once again let us remind you of the Bridge and Whist Parties held every Tuesday night at the YD Club. Good prizes and an enjoyable evening assured. Do come up and see us some time. — H. S. O'B.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Thomas Kennedy
121 Boutelle St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: Bernard W. Brown
73 Blossom St., Fitchburg, Mass.

The January 9th meeting of the Fitchburg chapter was held at Community Hall, Fitchburg, with the Installation of Officers. Prior to the Installation a business meeting was held with the discussion of our 1000 a month club the main subject. The visiting officers thought they were on Wall St., when we told of all the money we had accumulated in such a short time. After the installation movies were shown by Dept. Commander APPLEBY, assisted by EARL EMORY. The pictures were very interesting, especially the one of Bali. Also the convention picture brought a good laugh from the boys. Our thanks to Commander APPLEBY.

The Fitchburg chapter greatly appreciated Past State Commander TED NOYES and Past State Commander CLYDE ELLIOT attending and installing the new officers. A lunch was served and old times talked over and jokes exchanged. A great time was had by all and things broke up at a late hour.

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Community Hall, Fitchburg, and any members who happen to be near Fitchburg that night drop in and see us.

We sure expect to do big things this coming year in our chapter and we know that our new Commander, THOMAS KENNEDY, will lead us over the top. A chapter would fall by the wayside if it was not for a few who are the pushers up. We never stress the point of loyalty enough when we mention a comrade who has done for his chapter as much as our Dept. Treasurer ARTHUR SHEA has done for us.

— BERNARD W. BROWN.

FOXBORO

Commander: Joseph P. Dean
10 Coccaset St., Foxboro, Mass.
Secretary: Roland G. Hoogerzeil
6 Davis St., Mansfield, Mass.

The Foxboro Chapter at the moment seems to be like the ship without a rudder. The Chapter had the misfortune right after the officers were

elected and installed to lose the services of its Commander who had been in the hospital for the past two months.

Commander DEAN has returned to Foxboro and will be back to work by the time you read this.

Vice-Commander Cooper called a meeting in December, I sent out 32 cards and seven showed up (not so good for our first meeting). I'll admit it was a cold night and perhaps the boys didn't want to leave the fireplace, but the seven that did show up weren't Eskimos.

We chewed the fat til 10 o'clock. Chipped in and paid three bucks for the hall then went down stairs to the Cafe and drank a couple of beers for each absent member.

Now that Commander DEAN is back on the job I expect to have real news for the next issue and I sincerely hope so. We have taken one new member into the fold. NATHAN SARGENT, Walpole, Mass. Drop in and see NATE at Sargent's Cafe, Main St., Walpole, and have a tall one.

Confucius Says: Man who pullee for 26 Division makee good Yankee.

Chap who belong YD 1917 — Belong Chapter 1940.

— ROLAND G. HOOGERZEIL, Sec.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Martin F. Goyette
95 Bradford Ave., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: Elmer C. Eaton
P. O. Box 93, Ward Hill, Mass.

January 9th was the first meeting of the month. Plans were made for Installing the Officers of Haverhill chapter on the 22nd in G.A.R. Hall.

Comm. PLUFF opened the meeting Jan. 22nd. A motion was made to proceed with the Installation of Officers. WILLIAM GORDON, Sgt.-at-Arms escorted State Commander APPLEBY to the platform and presented him to Commander PLUFF who turned the gavel over to him. Commander APPLEBY assisted by Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms JIM SULLIVAN of Boston did a wonderful job of installing the officers.

There was a large crowd present including several representatives from other military organizations. Out of town guests included, Hon. Perry D. Thompson, war time Mayor of Lowell. At present he is city clerk of Lowell. He brought the greetings of Mayor George Ashe who was unable to be present. Mr. Thompson spoke of his own experiences as mayor of Lowell, a position he held when the soldiers left for overseas in 1917 and which he held on their return home. He spoke of the 26th Division and his friendship with the late Gen. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS. Mr. Thompson showed a picture of Gen. EDWARDS and himself taken after the war.

The Legion Commander from Methuen and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norwood; Commander Henry Maxfield from Reading and Secretary Thomas Campbell were also present. Commander Smart from Haverhill Post, American Legion and a large delegation were present too. More power to Commander Smart as he is a swell fellow.

After the installation, Dept. Commander APPLEBY turned the gavel over to the newly elected Commander MARTIN GOYETTE and said, "Go to it, the works are all yours." Commander GOYETTE, better known as "Doggie" did a good job and adjourned the meeting early to give the crowd a good chance to enjoy the things to eat which had been prepared by the Auxiliary. Entertainment followed the lunch. Mrs. Bertha Welch was the pianist and she sure can tickle the ivories. Just a little history of our new Commander. During the war "Doggie" was a cook in A. Battery of the 102nd Field Artillery and he certainly put out swell feeds to the boys at the front as he was stationed with the guns all the time. He even made strawberry pies at the front. He was cook at Dead Man's Curve on the Toul Sector for a long period. The Chapter and Auxiliary are 100% behind "Doggie" for the coming year.

The following officers were installed by Haverhill chapter: — Commander, MARTIN F. GOYETTE; Sr. V. Com., ROY A. WIGHTMAN; Jr. V. Com., WM. F. MCCORMIC; Treasurer, FRANCIS LYNCH; Secretary, ELMER EATON; Chaplain, HARRY PLUFF; Sgt.-at-Arms, WM. GORDON; Historian, CHESTER RICHARDSON; Trustees, JOE A. FRANCIS, WM. F. MCCORMIC, WM. F. HAMILTON.

Haverhill Auxiliary

The following officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Haverhill Chapter, YDVA, were installed at a joint installation with the Chapter on Monday evening, January 22, 1940, in G.A.R. hall, by State Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY and his Sergeant-at-Arms, JAMES SULLIVAN of Boston:

Commander, Lerah Wightman; Sr. Vice Com., Bertha Welch; Jr. Vice Com., Mattie Greenleaf; Secretary, N. Olive Gordon; Treas., Josephine McCormic; Historian, Annie Pluff; Chaplain, May Brown; Sergeant-at-Arms, Lillian Rolfe; Trustees, Stacia Richardson, Lillian Brindamour and Ivadell Stegmeir.

After the installation, little five year old Doris Richardson was escorted into the hall, carrying a bouquet of mixed flowers, nearly as large as herself, by Sergeant-at-Arms JIM SULLIVAN. After saluting the Commanders of the Chapter and Auxiliary she was escorted to the rostrum where she presented the bouquet to Commander Wightman from the members of the Auxiliary. Miss Mary Elizabeth Pluff, daughter of Past Commander Pluff played for the marching during the installation and at the close of the ceremonies sang, "God Bless America," accompanying herself on the piano. After the speeches, the chapter, auxiliary and their guests repaired to the Dugout where a buffet lunch was served by the ladies.

Wednesday evening, January 24, the auxiliary held their regular meeting in the Dugout with their new Commander Lerah Wightman in the chair. After the usual reports of officers new business was taken up and plans were completed for a Valentine Costume Party to be held in the Dugout, Saturday evening, February 10. Prizes are to be given for the prettiest and the funniest costumes. Mrs. Sally Hart, one of our very energetic members, has charge of the prizes, also decorations for the hall. Supper is in charge of Mrs. Hart, Mrs. William McCormic, Mrs. Lillian Brindamour, Mrs. Mattie Greenleaf and Mrs. Annie Pluff. If you want a good time, come on up and we'll show you one.

Plans for the supper to be served after the State meeting of the YD chapters to be held in Haverhill, Sunday afternoon, February 4, were formulated. Mrs. Annie Pluff, another energetic member is chairman of this supper committee and she will be assisted by a corps of ladies from the Auxiliary. It is to be a covered dish supper and promises to be good, so boys bring your appetites with you. Mrs. Lillian Rolfe is making a YD pillow to be sold on chances and some lucky YD'er will take it home. A letter of congratulations was read from Past Com. Lillian Dwyer, who is spending the winter in Florida. It was voted to have the secretary communicate with all the YD Auxiliaries in the State relative to organizing a State Dept. of the Auxiliaries. After the meeting a delicious lunch was served by Com. Wightman and Mrs. Sally Hart. The secretary Mrs. Gordon was presented a birthday cake and shower of birthday cards in honor of her birthday. Never mind the number of years.

The auxiliary is running a series of whist parties during the winter, one being held each Thursday night. The proceeds are placed in the treasury, to be used for necessary articles. More in next issue.

— Mrs. N. Olive Gordon.

LOWELL

Commander: Royal K. Hayes
75 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass.
Secretary: Quincy B. Park
119 Viola St., Lowell, Mass.

The Lowell chapter is making plans for the annual banquet and the yearly get-together which will be held this year at Page's Restaurant in Lowell on Wednesday evening, February 21st.

Invitations have been sent to all National Officers and delegations from New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island and all over Massachusetts have already signified their intentions of being present.

HARRY A. THISTLE, second Engineer Officer of the famous City of Flint, captured by the Germans, is a YD man. THISTLE is a resident of Lowell and served in France with Battery F, 102nd F.A. He is expected at the Lowell banquet.

EUGENE RICARD, general chairman of the annual YD banquet is a former secret agent with the famous counter-espionage unit of the Intelligence Service. He went to Chaumont after serving with Battery F, 102nd F.A., the crack Lowell battery. RICARD helped to break up a big spy ring that operated between Toul and Paris. RICARD is a native of Lowell.

— ROYAL K. HAYES.

The regular monthly business meeting of Lowell Chapter was held Tuesday evening, January 9th, in our quarters, Veterans Wing of the Memorial Auditorium.

Commander HAYES called the meeting to order by the reading of the invocation by Chaplain CLARENCE HILDRETH.

Chapter members voted to secure a suite of rooms in the Copley-Plaza Hotel to serve as headquarters for the Lowell members during the National Convention.

EUGENE RICARD, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, reported that all State and National YD officers would be present at the banquet as well as delegations from Massachusetts and New Hampshire Chapters.

This meeting was designated as "Father, Son and Guest Night" as ARTHUR CASHIN who is one of our most loyal members always ready to give of his time and energy was to show movies of his hunting and fishing trips into Maine and New Brunswick.

A number of YD sons were our guests along with thirty members of the Lowell Sportsman's Club headed by their President Sherwood Coggins. Arthur gave a two-hour program of movies showing numerous scenes of "big ones that didn't get away", also a reel of pictures taken by his son, while on an automobile trip to California. The program was heartily enjoyed by all present and we are all waiting to see another program which we hope will be soon. After the picture program was over, a social hour was enjoyed with refreshments served by JOE RHEAULT.

Sympathy is extended to ANTIONE "Tony" BERNIER and family in the loss of his wife, Charlotte M. Bernier, who died at St. Joseph's Hospital, January 29th.

— Q. B. P.

LYNN

Commander: Michael Garofano
26 Waterhill St., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Earl Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

Our new membership drive is now underway and J.V.C. PERLEY KNIGHT hopes to pass last year's mark. "The Barrage" is still going strong and new officers for the year are — Business Manager, PERLEY KNIGHT; Ass't. Bus. Manager, THOMAS CURRAN; Editor, CARL RUDDOCK; Assistant Editor, LEON DENIS; Associate Editors, WALTER SMITH and JOHN SULLIVAN; Circulation Manager, CLAUDE HOAG; Advertising Manager, HOLMAN STANCHFIELD; Treasurer, A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE.

The fourth issue is out, bigger and better than ever, with plenty of advertising. It's remarkable but true that in Lynn there are three veterans' publications, Post 291, A. L. has the "Whiz-Bang," Post 6, A. L. the "Flare" and the YD the "Barrage." No other city in the country can tie this record, and all put out on a paying basis. It keeps local YD men posted on both Chapter and National doings.

Last month we defeated Salem Chapter in cribbage and this month Danvers failed to make an appearance. Not afraid I hope.

The sick list has fallen off, which is good news and JAMES POOL is still confined to Chelsea Naval. AL HYATT and "Happy" MORTON at Chelsea Sol. Home; RAY GRIFFIN is a lot better and ELMER FALL is back on the job again.

Next month the gang is to put on a big "Sports Night" for the Finnish Fund, a real worthy cause for a gallant little nation. Commander MICHAEL GAROFANO heads the committee. The new Big Raffle will be drawn in April at a big Apremont Night and committee is headed by MUSSOLINI assisted by comrades, TRECARTIN, GRIMES, JOHNSON, KNIGHT, DAVENPORT, SULLIVAN, GAROFANO, PEVEAR, COULMAN, HEFTYE, and W. SMITH. The Chapter took part in the President's Birthday Ball, Jan. 30th and our colors were in the "Tableau."

Our sympathy goes out to Commander GAROFANO and Comrade ERNEST CAMPBELL in the loss of their mothers, both remarkable and highly respected women in the community.

Our regular monthly smoker was held January 30th with about 150 YD men present and Master of Ceremonies "John Boles" SMITH put on a real show. Henry A. Brickley of Boston gave a splendid talk on Social Security and his experiences as a spy during the World War. Movies of the U. S. A. and Canada were shown by Edward Waldren, community singing, entertainers and refreshments completed a gala evening.

— RAY DOUCETTE, P.N.C.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Walter H. Burns
65 Larch Ave., Fairhaven, Mass.
Secretary: James S. McQuade
108 Locust St., New Bedford, Mass.

As the Publicity Secretary for the New Bedford Chapter, I am at last determined to execute the duties vested in me by our Chapter Commander. The office was given me quite a long while ago but I never have taken it seriously up to now. Having been dormant on the job, New Bedford was never mentioned in the DOINGS. From now on every month, you will hear from me reporting YD activities in this vicinity.

Now the first thing to report is the Testimonial Dinner in honor of Major General Eckfeldt. This was sponsored by the Chapter on the evening of January 4th in the New Bedford Hotel. The majority of the YD men in New Bedford served under him in France when he was with Battery D of the 102nd F.A. It was quite an honor for the boys here to have one of their Comrades elevated to such a high post and the least they could do to show their esteem of him was to honor him in the manner that we did. He was presented a beautifully engraved sabre, bearing his name. We had a very nice gathering of YD men of this vicinity. Lt. Col. ROLAND CHOATE was the Toastmaster of the occasion and he certainly made a nice job of it. Our genial YD Commander JERRY O'LEARY was among the in-

vited guests bringing with him the greetings and good wishes of every member of the YD. Other invited guests were: Judge Hitch, of the Probate Court, a very close friend of the General's family; Captain Charles Branham, U.S.A., local Commandant of Coast Artillery; Lt. Col. Roger Swaim, former Captain of D Battery, 102nd F.A.; George Alden, G.A.R.; Lt. Col. Harold Winslow, who made the presentation speech; Abbott P. Smith, a very dear friend of the General; and the 102nd F.A. Chaplain, Markham Stackpole. The Chaplain sure does keep up his appearances and believe me, every one here was glad to see him.

The boys were sorry not to see Lester Lewis, Henderson Inches, Charles Hodges, Lawrence Page and many others invited to come. However if any of these I have mentioned should come down this way, I am quite sure all of us here will be tickled pink to see them again. Hope we can meet during the coming convention.

The committee in charge worked hard to make this affair a success, which goes to show that they are still capable of doing things brown. It sure gave the chapter a good name and should boost the membership from now on till convention time.

The Drum Corps, under the able direction of LEONARD MCDONNELL, will be in fine form for the convention this year. Rehearsals are going on twice a week. The youngsters are getting better and better every week. Other corps better step on it if they want to catch up with New Bedford.

Meeting night is the last Thursday of every month. Plans are under way to step up membership and registration for the coming convention in Boston. Nuf Sed.

— ADELARD SAUVE, Pub. Sec.

NORTH READING

Chateau Thierry Chapter

Commander: Albert C. Maxwell
15 Gardner Rd., Reading, Mass.
Secretary: Thomas H. Campbell
11 Wilson St., Reading, Mass.

A great many years ago, some 2,000 to be exact, there lived in ancient Greece a very brilliant orator named Demosthones, (Stop me if you have heard this one). A friend once asked Demosthones to give him his definition of oratory, and this was his answer: "Great oratory can be defined in just three words, namely, action, action, then more action. Comrades the above definition could aptly be applied to the Chateau Thierry Chapter of the Y.D.V.A.

I have very good reasons for the above statement. To me it's a pleasure to be associated with a group of men, who as a unit have shown the spirit and enthusiasm, and thrown themselves so wholeheartedly into the activities of the Chapter.

At our regular business meeting on Jan. 11th, it was voted that we change the name of the chapter from the No. Reading, to the Chateau Thierry Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. It was also voted that we proceed with articles of incorporation. To incorporate, By-laws are essential, so the By-laws Committee was asked to draw up a set as quickly as possible. So the committee composed of Comrades ART CURTIN, CHARLIE SMITH, and LEON BLANCHARD, assisted by Comm. MAXWELL went in a huddle, wrote them up, called a special meeting and had them passed, in just three days. That's typical of the spirit shown by all the boys, and it's what I call *Action.*

Too many kind things cannot be said of the Housing committee, composed of WILFRED PRATT in the driver's seat, HUB ROBINSON, JOE CARDER and GRAHAM QUINN. They are doing everything humanly possible to secure their objective, and should they fail, in securing the quarters they are after, it most certainly won't be for lack of application.

On Jan. 25th, we put on a Chicken Pie Supper. That Comrades, is handling the truth a bit reckless for I should have written, that CHARLIE SMITH put on the Chicken Pie Supper, with the assistance of JIMMY O'ROUKE, and FRED WINN. It was a grand feed. We sat down to supper at 6.30, about 35 of us, and what a job was done on the home-made chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, home-made rolls, several kinds of pie and coffee.

Invited guests who were introduced by Comm. MAXWELL and gave brief talks were, Comm. Frank Gallagher of Post 62, A. L., Reading; V. Comm. Dick Skane, Post 62, A. L.; Frank Tanner of the Veterans' Bureau and a member of Post 62, A. L.; and Mr. Fowle, a Selectman of the town of Reading. A brief but interesting talk was also given by Comrade CARL GOODRICH, chairman of the Reading Board of Selectman, and a member of our own Chapter.

At the conclusion of the meal, all hands pitched in and helped clear the tables, and wash and dry the dishes. Then several four-handed crib games got under way, and a couple of hands of whist. All of us enjoyed ourselves, and their are bound to be many such nights in the future.

On February 5th we are holding a dance, at

the Northern Residence Hall, No. Main Street, Reading. It is put on mainly to get the ladies better acquainted and hoping that eventually they will start an auxiliary.

Several new members have joined up within the past month, and we are all doing what we can to show a decided increase in membership by the time the State meeting arrives in May.

CHARLIE SMITH was appointed by the Chapter to assist Registration Officer REDFIELD, on registration for the coming Convention. CHARLIE has already started a bit of missionary work on registration.

Our business meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, and our social evenings on the fourth Thursday of each month. All comrades are cordially invited to our meetings, and you'll meet a swell gang of boys.

Commander AL MAXWELL has always advocated our visiting neighboring Chapters, and inviting them to visit us, so please don't be strangers.

— T. H. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

SALEM

Commander: Thomas J. Bannon
12 May St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles A. Laforme
33 Balcom St., Salem, Mass.

Sunday, Jan. 7 — Children's Party — Did I say children's party, well it was a children's party until Brandt Tomkins, Jr. was called upon to do his piece and who popped up but TOMKINS, SR., and he was going fine until the fire whistle blew or was he, then Belinda blew fire call 425 and blew up, his sonny boy was real good.

NAP LEBLANC tried to outdo his son, Nap Jr., but we think that Jr. had the best of it. Dutchy AYERS blew the balloons for the balloon dance with my tire pump, and was all pooped out so his daughter Marguerite won out by a mile. My sonny boy Charley and daughter Jacqueline did their piece, Pres. of the Auxiliary and my better half was called on for a song, and even if I say so myself she was real good. What do you think yours truly was not even called on, and I with a sweet mellow dramatic voice, as Belinda Tomkins says, 'Everything happens to me.' The musical chair game was played by both the Aux. and the boys in their second childhood, sure I played but it seemed there was no chair where I sat. There was so much doing it would fill YD DOINGS to tell all about it, but it was a grand success, thanks to our Ladies' Auxiliary.

Jan. 12 — Regular meeting, your scribe was at the Painters' Convention, so I missed that one.

Jan. 19 — Regular meeting, little bits of tidbits, etc.

Jan. 26 — YD Night. To celebrate the 21st anniversary of our entrance in the lines. Was it good? Well, if it was no good we were kidded by about 125 who attended in our Quarters. The party was announced on the radio, also newspapers, result, a good crowd. Program started with movies by the U. S. Navy. Your news hound was Toastmaster or something or other. Guests were, Nat. Commander JERRY O'LEARY, State Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY, State Commander of the American Legion RALPH LAVERS, State Sergeant-at-Arms SULLIVAN, Comrades EMORY, Boston; POWERS, Danvers, and COUILLARD of Lynn; President of Salem City Council, Phil Durkins; Councillors Harrington and Crosby. Refreshments by our Ladies' Auxiliary and what refreshments, an assortment of everything, even peanuts for "Peanut" Calhoun. Gum drop for APPLEBY and a special cake for JERRY, and what do you think, the Committee took JERRY and APPLEBY out for a (Smile) and when they came back at 12 somebody had ate JERRY's cake. I ate APPLEBY's gum drops and WILLIE "Ham" MCHUGH ate CALHOUN's peanuts. It was one swell party ending with dancing with "Long Drink" CHARLEY LEGER's wife, Lillian, presiding at the piano and can she tickle them ivories, the party ended at 1.45 a. m. and I don't know what my old Hudson ate but it took me 20 minutes of coaxing before it putted-putted for home.

In the near future we will have a Salem YD night on the radio, one of these quizz question contest, between the Chapter and the Auxiliary.

We are sorry to hear that FRED JEFFERSON is in the Salem Hospital, best wishes for a speedy recovery from the boys FREDDY.

"Paint Brush Artist" THIBAULT.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Thomas A. Dee
59 Maynard St., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

We held two successful meetings in January, one at the Hotel Charles on Friday, January 5th.

The outstanding event of this meeting was the formation of a Blood Donors' Club. Comrade COONS was appointed chairman of this committee. This Blood Donors' Club is to be made up

of members of both the club and auxiliary. Of course, its purpose is to furnish blood to YD men or families when the occasion arises. With Comrade COONS heading this committee, it will prove to be one of our most successful projects.

It was also decided to hold an open meeting in the very near future for the purpose of increasing our membership. Comrade TOM CROKAN was appointed as chairman of the committee for the open meeting. Comrade CROKAN and his committee has started the ball rolling by deciding to hold this meeting in the form of an anniversary party. All YD men are to be sent a personal invitation to attend. Then too, this event will be given considerable newspaper publicity. The party is to be held in a very nice hall at 137½ State Street. We expect to have several of our National and State Officers here for this occasion and are in hopes of increasing our membership to at least a hundred members.

Our second meeting in January was held at the GAR Hall, Monday, January 15th.

Commander DEE appointed Comrade CROKAN as chairman of our advance registration committee to work with Comrade LEA REDFIELD so that we can get as many advance registrations as possible before the dead-line. If TOM asks you to register in advance for the convention, please do so, as the Club gets 50c back and, believe me, we can use it.

It was decided to hold our regular meetings in February as follows: Regular meeting at the Hotel Charles, Friday, February 2nd, at 8:00 P. M., and second meeting of the month to be held at Hotel Charles on Monday, February 26th. Nomination of officers for the coming year will be in order for the meeting on the 26th. It is my sincere wish that all members of the club attend these meetings and display an active interest in the Springfield YD Club.

Be sure to attend the meeting on February 26th to support your candidates.

— ROSWELL F. PATCH,
Secretary.

YD AUXILIARY — SPRINGFIELD

Our annual Christmas Party was held Friday evening, Dec. 15th at G.A.R. Hall. The YD kiddies turned out in grand style and we were happy to see so many of the parents. We certainly have some talented youngsters as was proven when they entered the amateur contest. Prizes were awarded to the following contestants: Harriet Patch, for her fine piano playing; Elinore Lennon for some very good tap dancing; Elaine Boyer, Marie Shea, Phyllis Mullins and Terry Frenette for their vocal solos.

Three reels of movies were shown and greatly enjoyed by every one. Refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, cake, cookies, ice cream and coffee were served and each child received candy, oranges and apples. They all went home very happy after receiving a gift from Santa Claus. The grown-ups exchanged 10c gifts.

Christmas baskets were distributed with Mrs. Crokan acting as chairman. Cigarettes were sent to Newington and Northampton Veterans' Hospitals for Xmas.

Our December meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Champagne and was well attended, each member bringing a 25c gift for exchange, after which a delicious luncheon was served by our hostess.

Meeting for January was held the 15th at the home of Mrs. Coons, with a good attendance. Plans were made for a bridge and whist party to be held at the home of our President, Mrs. Champagne on Feb. 11th. We had a grab bag after which luncheon was served. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Meffen.

WORCESTER

Commander: Herbert S. Buss
27 Englewood Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest C. Parent
13 Denny St., Worcester, Mass.

The following is the report of the activities of the Worcester chapter; Meeting was held on Jan. 18, Commander HERBERT S. BUSS presided, there was a large attendance.

After all the general routine of the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and accepted, the reports of committees and unfinished business was accomplished, the meeting proceeded with the new business; a declaration by Chairman HARRY BLOCK was made in regards to the annual YD hospital day at the Rutland Hgts. Facility was taken up and Comrade HARRY (Jud) FISH reported that he had made all the necessary arrangements for the entertainment, music, transportation to and from the hospital. It was made known that there are at this time forty YD veterans listed as patients, among those recently hospitalized are: JOHN (Chuck) DELANEY, Co. G, 101st Inf.; JAMES WRIGHTSON, Co. G, 101st Inf.; RAYMOND H. LEONARD, Co. C, 104th; WILLIAM ESIP, Co. A, 104th Inf.; HARRY TRIPP, Co. A, 104th Inf.; GEORGE DESCHENES, Co. B, 101st Supply Train.

Past Commander HARRY BLOCK was presented with a gift of 40 pencils with additional leads by President JOHN J. YESS of the YD Parents Association, with which each and every gift box that will be presented to the YD veterans will receive each one. The body voted to extend a vote of thanks to the members of the YD Parents Association for their gift and also for their continued cooperation with the chapter.

Many invitations to attend installations of the various military organizations were received and it was voted that a representation be assigned to be present.

Commander HERB BUSS spoke on the request which was received from Nat. Treasurer LEA REDFIELD, for the appointment of an assistant on registration for the coming National Convention and the name of Comrade JOSEPH GAUTHIER was brought forth with the P.D.C. CLYDE O. ELLIOTT, AUSTIN KENNEDY, P.C.C. H. BLOCK were assigned to contact Comrade GAUTHIER to urge him to accept the office of aid to the National Treasurer on registrations for the Worcester area.

Five new members were signed up and as this report goes to press Senior Vice C. FRED JONES has called a meeting of the Membership Committee to make arrangements for a drive that will bring forth those of whom have been on the "Outside", and it is now expected that the entire number of those on the membership committee will set out to sign up as many as possible.

Comrades KENNEDY, S.V.C. JONES and Major CHAS. RUGG were assigned to a committee to make an investigation into the possibilities of the Worcester Chapter holding a monthly social event for the purpose of building up the chapter fund, a report of their findings will be made at a later date. The progress of the Fitchburg chapter being one of the factors.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the membership after saluting the colors marched to the dining room where a buffet lunch was served by the faithful Comrade EDDIE RACICOT.

A large number of the members then marched to the Spanish War Vet's quarters where there was motion pictures being shown by the Worcester Unit, 104th, A.E.F. Veterans Association, under the supervision of Comrade ROLAND COOK.

— ERNEST C. PARENT.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Laurence H. Cook, 62 Malden St., Cranston, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

The mid-winter meeting of the Dept. of R. I., YDVA, was held on Sunday afternoon, January 21, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Crompton, R. I., with Kent County chapter as the host. The meeting started promptly at 3.30 P. M. with Commander COOK presiding. It was a snappy meeting. Apparently those who attended had an idea of what to follow, or did they. There were only 38 members present but the women and children that attended swelled the total to close to the 100 mark.

All chapters reported increased activity and promises of more members before the next state meeting. Several large functions are being planned for the very near future.

Dept. Commander COOK in his report stated that the Department of R. I. was 57 ahead in membership over the figures of last year at this time. Only Rhode Island and Connecticut are ahead of last year, he said. Commented on the rap that the National Commander gave him in DOINGS. He isn't worried over not forming new chapters. He promised when he took office to make the existing ones better, and to form new ones if he could, but so far he has been up against a stonewall. Every time he has heard of localities that were "red hot" to form a chapter, investigation has found just the opposite. Talk is cheap, and unless conclusive proof can be given, he isn't worrying very much.

The following committees are to be appointed by the Commander at an early date:

Nominating Committee to present a slate of Officers at the next State Meeting in March.

Dept. Outing Committee to plan and run a summer outing under the auspices of the Dept. of R. I. The department to receive 25% of any profits made and the remainder split between the existing chapters in R. I.

Committee to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws for the adoption by the State Dept.

Dept. Commander HALL of Willimantic, Conn., and Sr. V. Commander LUNDGREN of Willimantic chapter were our honored guests. Dept. Commander HALL gave his usual straight from the shoulder talk. He is proud of the accomplishments of both the Dept. of R. I. and his own Dept. Gave a swell boost to those loyal

State Dept. Officers of his who have performed so well all during this year.

Nat. Ass't. Sec. HUNT talked on the membership drive being held this month and of the possible results. Our membership drives are held too late in the year. When a new Commander takes office, it should devolve upon him to see that his proper officer starts an intensive membership drive in the early fall. Not wait until the year is almost up when we have to offer inducements in order to get members in. The YD should never have to offer inducements. Any YD man who is proud of his service with the Yankee Division should be more than proud, in fact he should deem it a great honor and privilege to belong to this outfit of ours. The speaker dwelt somewhat on the publishing of DOINGS and of the lack of advertising in it. Urged every member to see if they couldn't interest someone in business, either a YD comrade or otherwise, to place an advertisement in the magazine. The rates can be had for the asking.

The Secretary also touched briefly on the forthcoming annual Convention of the association in Boston, June 6, 7, 8, 1940, and urged every YD man to attend and register early.

The speaker presented to comrade AL SHABBOTT of Apremont Chapter, Pawtucket, R. I., a YD ring for having secured 25 new members for his chapter.

Believe me, you fellows who don't attend these meetings, not only miss a swell meeting, but some real entertainment. Rivalry seems to be running top speed. Kent County certainly outdid themselves in providing amusement and refreshments. Too much praise cannot be given to the splendid young people who performed for us this afternoon. It was one of the most pleasing, entertaining and deversified shows so far. The entire show was by the "Gough Troupe", featuring Amand Bonnenfant at the Xylophone; (and boy was he good). Miss Mildred Phipps, in Russian and acrobatic dancing; (for a youngster she could double up into more knots than a sailor could tie). Barbara and Harry Gough in comedy skits and songs; (this team certainly took the house down and roars of laughter nearly shook the old place apart). And last but by no means least, Walter Demers a clever tap dancer. Mrs. Eva McCarthy did a nice job at the piano. Swell eats wound up the day.

All right now, some of you bohunks that can't see anything in going to a State Meeting. The above ought to be proof enough that something besides a cut and dried meeting takes place. Let's see about 100 out to the March meeting, Sunday, March 17th. Place to be announced later.

— BUNNY.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Henry W. McCarthy
12 George St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

The January meeting of Providence Chapter was an open meeting for all YD men whether members of the association or not. 51 members and friends attended. Commander MCCARTHY presided. The following guests were present:

Nat. Comm., JERRY O'LEARY, Providence; Nat. Sgt-at-Arms, PHILIP MCKIERNAN, Providence; Nat. Jud. Advoc., HAROLD J. SMITH, Boston; Dept. Comm., LAWRENCE H. COOK, Cranston; Chap. Comm., WILLIAM MONTI, Kent County; Comrade, MARTY TAYLOR, Boston.

The meeting was changed somewhat in that the usual opening ceremonies were dispensed with and the minutes of the last meeting were omitted. Very few committee reports were heard.

Commander MCCARTHY announced the appointment of Dept. Commander LAWRENCE H. COOK as the assistant from this chapter to LEA REDFIELD, Chairman of the Registration Committee of the Boston Convention.

Dept. Commander COOK spoke briefly about the State Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 21st, and also about his plans for registering as many as possible from this chapter for the forthcoming convention in June.

Commander MCCARTHY called on Nat. Commander JERRY O'LEARY to introduce the main speaker of the evening. JERRY introduced our good friend and loyal YD worker, HAROLD J. SMITH, Nat. Judge Advocate, of Boston.

Harold is one of the most outstanding men in the YD, the Nat. Commander stated.

Before settling down to the serious side of his address entitled, "Have We Been Short Changed for Our Sacrifices?", Comrade SMITH in his usual inimitable way cracked a few stories which went over big. He spoke of his experiences and successes in the world and attributed many of them to his service and connection with the YD. He told of several cases where he has been directly or indirectly able to help YD men who have been in difficulties.

Comrade SMITH referred to the importance of wearing and prominently displaying our official

YD button on our coats. It's a small button but demands and gets the respect of all.

Turning to his address, he started back as far as George Washington and the Revolutionary War and gave a vivid outline of the military policies which this country had adopted and which have been in effect to a great extent, ever since. And, which in his opinion, have proven disastrous. He stated that we are some of the victims of these disastrous policies.

Continuing down through the War of 1812; the Civil War and the Spanish-American War, the speaker outlined more policies which proved a set-back to our nation. The Mexican border campaign is still another incident where the American military machine actually failed in their attempts. Comrade SMITH cited instances to substantiate his claims.

Then came the World War and its huge scale of propaganda that was put forth. We boasted and we bragged as a nation, he said. He showed how it took five months to get the Yankee Division actually organized, and at that, we were the first complete division to go over. What happened when we got over? What sort of equipment did we have? Was it American? No, absolutely NO. Our rifles were British Enfields, our field pieces, French 75's, and we are still using them today; gas masks were cast-off French single canisters; transportation service was furnished with British trucks. Remember the burlap issue uniforms we received early in that war? They were British made. Yet, in spite of all this, Comrade SMITH said, We had the courage and went forth to fight for what we thought was right. It was the courage of the American doughboy, the sacrifices of those we left behind on the battlefields, the sheer determination and grit that carried us on. Now that is all over, let's look and see what we really achieved. The answer is nothing.

What happened to our regular army after it came home? It was reduced to a mere 100,000 men. Imagine 100,000 men trying to safeguard 120 million American people, 7000 miles of coast line and billions and billions of dollars worth of American property. We have the smallest Army in the world today and by far the poorest equipped. There aren't enough gas masks in this country to equip 25% of the regular establishment; there are no medium sized tanks; there isn't sufficient guns to go around. Surely we have been short changed and short changed aplenty for our sacrifices.

In closing Comrade SMITH placed the blame for all this blundering and inefficiency squarely in the hands of the War Department. It's up to them to do away with these outmoded policies and get some modern ones and bring our army and equipment up to where they should be so that no nation will ever dare face us with a war.

Comrade SMITH's address was most interesting and certainly very stirring. It was most instructive and surely would move the heart of any real American to quit standing idly by and to get busy and see that these conditions are remedied and quickly too.

The next meeting of Providence Chapter will be Wednesday evening, February 21st. CHICK STORY promises a nice entertainment for this meeting so let's see a good number out.

— BUNNY.

APREMONT CHAPTER
Pawtucket and Surrounding Area

Commander John I. Rancourt
1137 Smithfield Ave., Saylesville, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

January 12th the meeting was called to order by JOHN RANCOURT, Commander, and I want to say it was the smallest crowd we have had yet. I would like to hear the excuses offered by the members for not showing up, but will pass this and tell about the next meeting that was held January 26th.

While there were many vacant chairs, there were new faces among the members that came. Comrades MONTE and HEATON of Kent County Chapter paid us a visit and they were well paid by listening to the guest speaker. Judge Advocate HAROLD SMITH, Chairman of the Speakers' Bureau of the Nat. YD Association addressed the meeting. Mr. SMITH complimented the members on selecting the name Apremont for their chapter and told the history of the battle which took place there during the World War. He praised the 103rd F. A. for starting the driving wedge, which he said was the turning point at that time, and Oh boy I guess the chests of the F. A. boys didn't stick out. HARRY then went on to tell of the benefits derived from having membership in the YD and while I don't intend to quote all he said, but one point that struck me forcibly was quote, "While those of us who came back sound of mind and limb, should not look down on or forget our less fortunate comrades, some call them tramps, chiselers, etc., for they absorbed the shock that made it possible for us to be as we are today." Those who missed

Comrade SMITH's speech missed one of the finest speakers that our Chapter has had in a long time.

LARRY COOK, State Commander, paid us a visit and said a few words.

BUNNY HUNT was absent, the first meeting he has missed since I can remember, but we will excuse him because after all he is really a Providence Chapter member.

It was voted to take part in the State Outing and a committee will be appointed to represent the Chapter.

JOHN HERBERT TAYLOR has returned home from Newport Hospital where he underwent an operation. More power to him for a speedy recovery. HERB, you know, was the singing cook of C Battery, 103rd F.A.

BOB HAIGH, camouflage expert of B Battery, 103rd F.A., is still at Rutland Hospital, Mass., but he is improving and we hope it won't be long now before he is back in harness. Bob is like good whiskey as they both improve with old age and we can't get along without either.

It was also voted to send a boy to the American Legion State Camp this summer. The committee to arrange this is BILL HOUGHTON, RAND DARLING, WALTER JENKS, NORMAN LAFLUER and ALBERT FRECHETTE.

A committee also was named to plan for the horribles parade at the National Convention at Boston in June. This committee consists of ALBERT PLANTE, PETE BOURGET, FRANK SENIOR, BILL HOUGHTON, BOB WHITE, JIM MACCALLUM and JOHN RANCOURT. — ALBERT PLANT.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: William Monti
Arnold Neck, West Warwick, R. I.
Secretary: Yvon Archambault
145 Washington St., West Warwick, R. I.

Our January Meeting was held at the Redman Hall on Wednesday, January 24th. There were twenty members present. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Commander MONTI. Our State Commander LARRY COOK was there to give us a helping hand. He sure is a big help to the R. I. YDVA.

The Kent County Chapter had the pleasure of having their first State Dept. Meeting, Sunday, January 21st and it was a big success. There were fifteen YD men from Apremont Chapter and twenty from the Providence Chapter and their wives and children. It was the best State Meeting that State has ever put on. There was a very good entertainment and refreshments. The only thing that we were disappointed in was that there wasn't enough of the other YD members present, as we were looking for every one of State YD men to be there. We had the pleasure of having the State Commander from Connecticut with us and he gave us a very nice talk. Boy, there is a man that Connecticut should be proud of. I would like to see more YD men at our next State Meeting which will be held in Providence Chapter on March 18th at 2:30 in the Harrison Street Armory.

— J. C. EDWARDS,
State Jr. Vice Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Gardiner H. Hall, 121 South St., Willimantic, Ct.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Ct.

State Meeting — January 14

Meeting called to order at 3:30 P. M. at the Hartford State Armory, Sunday, January 14th by Commander HALL. Guests escorted to the platform included Alderman John J. Keney, representing Mayor Thomas J. Spellacy; Col. FRANK SHERER; National Commander JERRY O'LEARY; State Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY, Secretary DENNIS BRUNTON, Sergeant-at-Arms JIM SULLIVAN; LEA REDFIELD and GUY WATTS all of Boston; PNC ED MILLER and PSC RAY KINCAID.

SVC WM. ALLEN reporting on membership shows Middletown up. Waterbury, New Haven and Hartford down from last year. Total 1040, a gain of 10 this month.

No report of Service work.

Chaplain Doc KEATING reports GEORGE MCAVOY still in hospital, KEEFE also still ill. Flowers were sent to MCAVOY at hospital and for funeral of Col. MLCHAEL OWENS.

Finance Committee — SVC WM. ALLEN reports cards now ready at $1.00 each or 60 chances at 2c each, department treasury benefit, drawing on March 11th. Cards were handed out to chapters present. First prize $200, 2nd $100, 3rd $50, 4th $25, and 5 at $5 each. Commander HALL urges a sell out on this proposition. The

Commander also said that he intends to have department colors by the next convention.

Letter from Legation of Finland thanking the YDVA for its resolution of sympathy to Finland. Acknowledgments from our Representatives and Senators.

New Business — Motion by SVC Wm. Allen, seconded and carried that the resolution adopted last year favoring the work of the Dies Committee investigation of un-American activities be again forwarded to our Representatives and Senators in Washington endorsing the continuance of its work.

With permission of the chair Guy Watts, acting national secretary suggested a plan for seeking financial assistance to have Phil Sanborn moved to Florida for a month to recuperate from his long illness. Motion by PNV Ed. Miller, seconded and carried that this department go on record as favoring such action as is taken by National Headquarters.

Good of the YDVA — Report of Arthur Nielsen of Hartford YDVA Junior Drum Corps shows 90 members, all children of the Hartford Chapter members, uniforms and instruments fully paid. Meets every Monday night. Colors were contributed by Mayor Spellacy. A Christmas party was held for the youngsters at the State Trade School with John Curtin as Santa Claus and three acts of vaudeville.

Speakers: Alderman John J. Keney welcomes the YD to Hartford on behalf of Mayor Spellacy who is ill, also spoke of the fine record of the YD in the World War.

Guy Watts said that the membership now stands at 3700, dues for the balance of year $1, if accompanied with next year's dues; suggests raffles to pay dues.

Lea Redfield said that the 1940 convention business has already started and going along smoothly. Ben James as general chairman was able and well liked, good committee. Chapter commanders are requested to appoint an assistant to secure registrations. There will be prizes for floats.

Tom Crokan of Springfield invited members from Connecticut to attend their annual banquet at Hotel Charles on February 16th.

Commander Austin Appleby of Massachusetts mentioned the Fitchburg plan for uniforms on a drawing. The winner of each drawing having half a uniform paid for by the chapter. Also stated that special prizes will be given at the convention for YD junior corps in special contest. We are promised a short parade in Boston. Austin recited a poem on what a commander should have.

Colonel Sherer complimented the YD on their good work.

Ray Kincaid, PSC, has been appointed chairman on membership by NC Jerry O'Leary. Also mentioned that advance registrations for convention are $2. on much the same plan as last year. Convention now a selling point on membership.

PNC Ed Miller stated that following meeting movies would be furnished by Austin Appleby.

NC Jerry O'Leary recommended that there should be two national vice commanders. At present there are no senior officers as to states, and it is not easy or advisable to get the state commander who may be needed on his own job. At present the national commander has to work alone in most cases, especially with Phil sick. Also introducing changes in YANKEE DOINGS will be improved.

After the meeting adjourned, a fine supper was served and Appleby's stream lined reels went into action, Convention parades, les horribles, Plattsburg, and even the South Sea Isles were presented in technicolor.

— Clyde G. Beckwith,
State Secretary.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Clarence W. Geer
60 Olsen Court, Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Leslie R. Barlow
39 Woodmont Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Gee, it is difficult to keep up with where this Marcus boy is keeping the doctors and nurses on the job. Now is on the improve at Grace Hospital in New Haven. What a guy!

Row de dow, that was a ring tailed humdinger of an article that our friend Phil Sanborn "writ" in the last DOINGS.

A Purple Heart Club has been formed for this vicinity with the old YD furnishing about 75% of the gang. They ought to go to town with such chaps as Doc Sprague, Harold Lucas, Fred Beach, Joe Devine and Joe DeRocco as some of the officers.

Well, well, there goes our old friend Joe Rich who is wintering in Newtown.

Sorry to hear that ex-Commander George Watt has his off days trying to combat old man rheumatism.

We're still sticking with the National Guard regardless of the measly few "Christian Fronters". The Guard has a great heritage from

the days of the Minute Men at Bunker Hill down through the days when Benedict Arnold gathered up a company of men at New Haven and nearby towns to chase the Red Coats out of Danbury. Remember when the guard was down at Manassas — yes and down at the Border and at the Boston War Maneuvers when the Red and Blue Armies had it out. Then those trips to Niantic. The War maneuvers at Pine Plains, and the manuevers around Bridgeport when they had that most realistic battle in the streets of Newtown. That training never hurt any boy, more of you have been called out for floods and fires where you did a great humanitarian job, than for any harmful cause. They have been the "Minute Men of Today" for the past hundred years.

Oh yes, I mustn't forget our friend, Col. CHARLES H. SPRAGUE has been promoted to the Chairmanship of the Veterans Home Commission at Noroton.

Wonder if we could get a crowd out some night if we had a "102nd Ambulance Company Night" and try to get out such fellows as Doc NAGLE, ED BERGERON, GEORGE WRIGHT, AL WRIGHT, HUB BEERS, LEE HULL, "Wagoner" WYRTZEN and possibly "Pop" BRINDLE.

Wouldn't it be grand if a fellow had money and could go through the hospitals and where it could be readily seen that the veterans were worrying his very heart out over the bills, bills, bills and more bills at home; that we could assure him we could get him out of the "red" and then watch for that long neglected smile to brighten his countenance. Why that would do more good than medicine. This losing of jobs, strikes, loss of time, short hours, small wages, sickness and what-have-you, gnawing, ever gnawing, at the vitals of a man who wants to go down as he lived, shooting square, this worry mows 'em down faster than the Finns do the enemy.

And as our Honorary Member JOE HURLEY says in his local daily column: "Get that hunk o' rock off the City Hall green."

Yep, and our other Honorary Member, BEN KORNFIELD is doing a grand job as Commander of the J.W.V.

Oh yeah, and don't forget, we'll be seein' ya at the State Meeting in Bridgeport on Sunday, February 11th.

Fooled you that time JERRY O'LEARY, you thought we were going to say, "See you in Boston on June 6, 7, and 8th. Huh?"

Two or three have phoned in to say, "Tell 'em about that Mrs. Bergeron of Hamden being the perfect YD hostess."

Four days later — Hold those presses for SAM MARCUS has had his operation at the Grace Hospital and is recuperating at the Soldiers Home at Noroton.

— Same old DICK.

HARTFORD

Commander: John J. Costello
49 Wyllys St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
483 Hillside Ave., Hartford, Conn.

The Hartford Chapter has been keeping pace with its activities. There is always enough interest and willing members to find to fill any committee on any activity that the chapter presents.

January was one of those months, with the meeting held on the 8th at the State Armory as usual.

BUSH HEDGES was appointed chairman of arranging for the State Meeting to be held Sunday, January 14th. BUSH and his committee done a splendid job. We enjoyed your pictures, AUSTIN, also having our National Commander JERRY O'LEARY along, and the boys from Boston and our neighboring Massachusetts City of Springfield. Also the cowboy from Colorado, JIM SULLIVAN.

Hartford has no auxiliary, but we have one such member in BILL GANEY who has stood upon the floor so many times during these past four or five years in their behalf for such a unit.

God bless the Ladies. Our praise cannot be too much. (However I am not revealing my thoughts. Is that right, BILL?)

When the junior drum corps was organized soon after the Providence convention there was need of raising money to purchase instruments and equip them with uniforms. Without embarrassment to the chapter a group of wives of YD men took it upon themselves to hold military whist parties with the entire proceeds going to the junior drum corps. There has been several such parties during the past year and a half and from this a large amount of the expenses of the corps have been paid. There will be another military whist party in the near future so please watch out.

However, these good women are quite content to go along in this way, and if they should notify any member's wife to help along then you just do the yesing.

HERB NELSON was appointed general chairman

of the Chapter's 22nd annual dinner to be held at the City Club, February 17th and HERB went right to work and picked a committee that is working like blazes at this writing.

Our February meeting will be Sports' Night with Alderman John J. (Jack) Keney, former football star of Dartmouth; Johnny Newell, head coach of the Hartford Public High School and Harold Ogden, sports writer of the Hartford *Times* and some others with sports pictures.

Our March meeting is being planned and you will find all the details in your monthly letter.

The year flies by quickly and Commander COSTELLO you have done a fine job and when you finish we will find you with our MILLERS, FOLEYS and SULLIVANS, giving the good advice to those who follow for the good old YD.

Comrades GEORGE MCAVOY and RALPH QUIGLEY are still at the Veterans Hospital in Newington, but are improving and we hope boys you will be back with us soon. "Chubby" CORRELL is to enter the hospital the first of February.

And to our Judge Advocate VINE R. PARMALEE, we are glad to read those items in the Windsor *News* of your many activities.

It's time for the 1940 dues again but don't wait for April let them flow in at the March meeting.

HARRY T. ROBERTSON is taking registrations for the Boston Convention and boys it's going to be a dandy.

— JOHN J. GOSS.

NEW BRITAIN

Commander: John Suess
89 Kensington Ave., New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: Arthur Butcher
13 Audubon St., New Britain, Conn.

It looks like the old outfit has at last come to life.

After our social, we topped it off by playing our first series of card games. Not many of the Spanish boys showed up. But the YD sure did themselves handy. So in the wee wee hours, we broke up and took the bacon home.

About ten of this chapter made their appearance to a State Meeting held in Hartford. No gavel, Pat. Perhaps sometime.

After the State Meeting in Hartford, one would think that the boys would go home to their darling wives, but not to some of them. I know a pair of them that go out and get themselves all drunk, and start spinning around on the sidewalk, it must have been good to see one of them trying to pull the other from under the car. But they are great guys, and this outfit sure owes them a-plenty. I don't believe that one of them has as yet missed one of our State Meetings. They sure do keep the YD spirit alive in this town. I suppose it's the same in every town, there is just that one, two guys that keep the YD going. I haven't been in the YD very long, but the time I have been in I can see who are the workers and right now, I'm saying, that myself is going to do my gosh darn, and try and make it my business that I will attend these meetings. So let's you and I get behind our Commander.

Something to say, something to write about, but how much space to say it in.

A long time no hear from this outfit so now hear from this outfit long.

In order to be on top, one must be able to tell the boys who stay at home, what goes on at our meetings the first and third Tuesday of every month.

Not only do we want your two bucks, but your presence at these meetings.

To our State Meetings we should have a bigger turn out. That happens only once a month. And to you that have never attended one, it's never too late, it's always on a Sunday and I'll let you name a better place to be, so get yourself together and get in contact with the fellows that attend these State Meetings.

In case you Mugs don't know about it, we have a card tournament with the Spaniards, and did we have a good time at the first one. Come around on the next one and we will drink on them.

"Red" TRACY, why don't you come around, at one time you were one who was always at the meetings.

How about you GEORGE SCARLETT, and show JACK HEENY where the Armory is.

JERRY CREAN, at one time you were quite active in the YD. Come around JERRY, there's no heat wave on. Some of the outfit would like to get a look at you, and see what you look like.

HENRY SCHMIDT, BROWN, GREEN, Capt. GRISWOLD, SELANDER, HERBY BRANT, are names of some of the faces we see quite often. Don't wait for this outfit to call on you, for that's out of order.

Where have I heard that the YD means a lot to you?

Were you just fooling?

— AS EVER.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: John T. Dillon
185 Upson Terrace, New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Smith
20 Arden Street, New Haven, Conn.

If the members of New Haven Chapter who do not attend meetings will manifest the same interest in the chapter's plans for the new home as the handful of the faithful who do attend meetings then the battle for permanent quarters is as good as in the bag. Although only about 25 members were present at the first January meeting a total of 25 of the $10 Chateau Building certificates were purchased.

The first month's rent on the palatial 10-room home on Fairmount Avenue has been paid and the lease will be signed on February 1st. It is believed about $300 will be needed to finance the renovation of the ground floor to make suitable meeting rooms. Past Commander FRANK LEE, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee presented a definite plan for financing the home. The lease will be for one year with an option on the purchase of the seven-acre estate.

Commander JOHN T. DILLON presided at the meeting and all officers were present. ALBERT SMITH was named acting secretary for the balance of LESTER BIGELOW's term. LES is working nights.

A committee comprised of GEORGE OLINSKY, chairman, A. R. TETA and RAOUL FOREST was named to investigate the advisability of sponsoring a dance for the Finnish relief fund.

Membership was reported at 136 with EUGENE KELLY, formerly of Co. D, 102nd M. G. Battalion accepted as a new member. The commander urged the members to cooperate with State Commander GARDINER HALL in his efforts to secure 1,200 members for Connecticut.

The transfer of IRVING HAWKES from Newington Veterans Hospital to Castle Point, N. Y. was reported. Lieut. OLIVER HAMMOND, formerly of the 101st Infantry is in New Haven Hospital. SAM MARCUS, of the Bridgeport Chapter, who has been in Newington, New Haven Hospital and the hospital at the Soldier's Home is now in Grace Hospital for an operation. Good luck, SAMMY.

The chapter voted its congratulations to Col. ERNEST E. NOVEY, past commander of Torrington Chapter, and Lieut. JAMES M. QUINN, of our own chapter, the new No. 1 and No. 2 men of the 102nd Infantry.

The chapter's joint Christmas party for the youngsters in which we joined hands with YD Post of the Legion was a great success. FRED HIRSCH and Doc DOLAN did a swell job as did NICK SALVATORE, the Santa Claus. Martha Cramer put on excellent entertainment.

Eleven YD men, confined in hospitals were remembered at Christmas time with well-filled baskets by New Haven Chapter. This new idea worked out satisfactorily.

JOE PARK is now a railroad copper, as is ED MCLAUGHLIN.

JOHN GRIFFIN, formerly of the 101st Engineers and a member of Manchester Chapter, has been selected by the City of New Haven as an impartial engineer to study the treacherous Beaver Park Lagoon where several children have been drowned.

A controversy has been raging over the Park Dept.'s refusal to fill in the lagoon and GRIFFIN, who has been engaged in the construction of Connecticut's new soldiers' home at Rocky Hill, was named special advisor to an aldermanic committee. GRIFFIN was at one time engaged in test boring at the Passamaquoddy Project in Maine.

It might have been a trifle chilly, the fireplace may have kicked back a little too much smoke, and there was no period furniture on hand but by gosh, for the first time in many, many moons, New Haven Chapter met on January 25th in its own quarters. Yep, it's true! The dignified old Shepard mansion with its 10 rooms and 7 acres of land has been leased by the chapter. And 45 or 50 of the faithful turned out for the first meeting despite the fact the oil burner had not been installed and the furniture was still to come. There was a general feeling of satisfaction on the part of those present that we were really getting somewhere.

FRANK LEE, past commander, and chairman of the ways and means committee, outlined the plan for financing the new home. It follows closely the scheme tried and tested by the Boston YD Club. It's got to succeed, and with FRANK LEE at the helm and everybody in there pitching it will succeed. It will not be easy but with cooperation we will not only be able to carry the lease but it is reasonable to assume that we can take over the property.

MIKE MCDERMOTT, reporting for the Parker Memorial Plaque Committee said the plaque was in place in the State Armory and the Colonel's return from Washington and the fixing of a dedication date is all that is needed to bring the project to a successful conclusion. The next project of the chapter is the erection of a suita-

ble marker on Yale Field to memorialize the creation there of certain units of the YD. Gen. George E. Hall is chairman of this latter committee.

Ed Malone is officiating as chairman of the committee arranging the reunion dinner of Co. D, 102nd M. G. Battalion. With him are, R. B. Martin, Major Frank E. Wolfe, John J. Dockendorf, Charles M. Kelley, Henry E. O'Neill (Senior Vice Commander of YD Post), Dick Welch, George E. Davis, James L. Carton, Jos. F. Molloy and Fred C. Weisheit. The affair will be held at Barboni's Lodge, in April.

Oliver Hammond, former lieutenant in Co F, 101st Infantry, is still in New Haven Hospital. He is to go under the knife this week for the third time. Former comrades should write to Hammond. He was at the border with Co. D, 2nd Conn. Infantry. Irv Hawkes is still at Castle Point. The sympathy of the chapter is extended to Col. Parker in the serious illness of his daughter. Sam Marcus, of Bridgeport Chapter, is back at the hospital in the Soldiers' Home, Noroton, after an operation at Grace Hospital, New Haven.

L. J. M.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Joseph F. Keeney,
67 Ocean Ave., New London, Conn.
Secretary: John M. O'Connor
455 Montauk Ave., New London, Conn.

Old Man Winter has kept some of the boys away from our regular meetings the past two months.

Plans are now progressing to make future meetings more attractive, to get the boys to attend.

Our last regular meeting was held at the VFW Hall, Thursday, January 25. The usual business meeting proceeded with perfect order. After the meeting a delicious luncheon of frankfurts and sauerkraut, cake and coffee was served by the ladies.

Convention plans were discussed. Many tentative plans were made including the appointment of Harry Kent to assist the Nat. YD Committee on registrations.

New London again captured the "traveling" gavel at the January State Meeting at Hartford.

Our chapter cooperated with the Veterans' Council in raising funds for the local Infantile Paralysis Drive.

The YD and various other veterans' organizations are to sponsor a Safety Drive in the near future. A motion picture show on highway safety will be exhibited at one of the New London High School halls.

New London YD are all enthusiastic over the coming Convention in Boston. At present reports, New London will be there a hundred percent.

— John M. O'Connor,
Secretary.

VALLEY

Ansonia - Derby - Seymour - Shelton

Commander: John J. Hunihan
Roosevelt Drive, Oxford, Conn.
Secretary: Paul Johnson
14 Dwight St., Ansonia, Conn.

December State Meeting has past. The youngsters Christmas party was a success. Our Ladies' Auxiliary exhibited their new silverware and gave it a good start as hostess to the State Meeting. All in all, 1939 has been good to the old YD and we hope to make 1940 a banner year.

January 25th meeting at the Ansonia Armory. We heard a report of a decent treasury balance. John Hunihan, our commander, presided after being laid up in bed for three weeks. Big John Gill is reported doing well at home. John has pleurisy and has a day and night nurse tending him. We miss him at our meetings. The chapter voted to have its old YD colors sent out to be dry cleaned and mended. The Valley is pretty proud of its flag and we claim its the second oldest only to the YD Club of Boston. We believe it has attended as many functions as any YD flag. (The boys ain't what they used to be.) It was voted to purchase a smaller American flag. It seems the color bearer can't stand up under the strain of the old 4 x 8.

At our February meeting we hope to start making plans for our trip to the convention in June with as much pep as we had back in 1919.

WATERBURY

"P.C. Vigneulles"

Commander: William J. Shanahan
89 Chipman St., Waterbury
Secretary: Walter Bolan
96 Nottingham Ter., Waterbury, Conn.

At our meeting on January 19th, plans were made for the annual Muster and Roll Call to be held in the Club room, State Armory on Friday evening, Feb. 16th.

A committee was appointed to select the date

and place for our annual Seicheprey Day banquet.

After 29 years in the National Guard, Capt. Edw. C. (Ned) Bell has retired with the rank of Major. Ned was one of the most popular officers in the 102nd Inf.

It's good to see JACK PARKER, formerly G Co., 102nd Inf., back on duty as Traffic Officer following his recovery from an accident sustained in line of duty. Our congratulations to PHIL SANBORN on his fine message in the January DOINGS. It's an ill wind that bringeth nobody some good.

HARRY BENGSTON, our diminutive associate member, has built a new house for himself and bride in Watertown. He'll be moving in before February 1st. FRANKIE MOORE in the papers again for a good piece of work in a recent fire on Central Ave. MIKE (Mussolini) GIORDANO, formerly H Co., 102nd, now Senior V. Commander Waterbury Chapter, was elected Chief of the Waterbury Vet's council at the January meeting.

Waterbury chapter has a number of members in Naugatuck, the Rubber Town, to our south, who pay their dues promptly but never get around to the meetings. We would like to see the faces of JOHN SIMMONS, "Buck" LEWIS, WARREN BIRDSALL, "Skipper" HOLM, DICK OSTROM, FELIX STRUSINSKI and the others. "Al" SUMPF is the only regular attendant from down the valley.

Christmas greetings acknowledged from JOE CUNINGHAM. Is the rumor true JOE, that you got hitched up?

— F. W. R.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Commander: Fred H. Flahavan, 1257 East 101st St., Cleveland, O.

CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"

Commander: John B. McGloin
2157 Brown Rd., Lakewood, Ohio
Secretary: Fred H. Flahavan
1257 E. 101st St., Cleveland, Ohio

Report of meeting held Sunday, January 21st, Commander MCGLOIN opened the meeting promptly at 3:00 P. M.

New members accepted were: GEORGE W. LEZIUS, (Co. C, 102nd Inf.); HENRY ACKERMAN, (Co. L, 102nd Inf.); HARRY SEABORN, (Co. A, 103rd Inf.); VICTOR DIETRICK, (Co. F, 103rd Inf.); ALBERT LAWLOR, (Co. M, 104th Inf.).

Dues paid by WM. C. RAPER, CARL F. HAUSER, E. D. LADE, HERBERT RIEHL.

Report of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. I suppose you will get a kick out of this assistant treasurer business but the caring of the finances of this organization that it now takes the full time of two men. The assistant is HERBERT RIEHL, he accounts for all cash transactions at the headquarters to the treasurer. Between the two it is next to impossible to get the price of a pen point any more.

Report by the Chaplain on the sickness of Comrade NEHERENZE. He has been laid up for several days with stomach trouble.

Report of committee headed by RALPH SHAW. $88.00 spent for Thanksgiving and $129.00 for Christmas for baskets and other items that fit in well at this time of the year to help make the season just a bit brighter and happier. This is worked out as part of our community program and to the members of the organization and their families. For the first time we had all of the children of the members together, there were 66 in attendance. They were given a show with Santa closing the program. There was a gift for each with a box of candy and orange with all the ice cream and candy they could hold. RALPH did an excellent job and was highly complimented by all who came.

Subscription made to the Buddy Fund which is conducted by the Nurses Post of the American Legion. The purpose of this Buddy Club is to supply cod liver oil to undernourished children throughout this area. A good cause and the nurses are doing a mighty fine job.

FRED BASTEL appointed by the Commander to the office of Service Officer. This is something that we have been rather careless about, but the Secretary contacted the Veterans of Foreign Wars Regional Service Director, Joseph E. Hart, at the Veterans Bureau and he very willingly consented to keep us informed of all legislation of interest to the veteran. FRED BASTEL will be a good man for this job and the Commander was credited with making a wise selection in filling an important position.

Under New Business it was voted that we have installed a telephone. The new phone book

will be out in February so now all visiting YD men can look up the Ohio headquarters and after the 15th of February there will undoubtedly be someone here at all times.

O'Kie O'Connor appointed by the Commander as Chairman of Dedication Program for February 25th. At this time it is planned to have many of the high officers of veteran organizations invited and the team of V F W Post 1863, will put on the work of officially dedicating our new YD and National colors. Further news on this will come out on separate cover as soon as Okie gets on the job, or maybe I should say, as soon as the Commander gets Okie on the job. Now don't get me wrong. Okie is on the road and will be in on Saturday and at that time McGloin will get in touch with him.

Motion by Church, seconded by Reich that a gavel be purchased. The Secretary must voice an opinion here and now. Why would it not be a good idea if the National would make the Ohio Chapter a present of a gavel? All inscribed and everything. With something like that ever before us at the meetings we *could* not forget and we *would* not forget. I do not want it to appear that we are chiseling but after all a gavel is a gavel in most cases, but coming from Boston it would undoubtedly carry more weight.

Commander appointed Fred Flahavan to assist in the work for the National Convention under Comrade Redfield. Might say here that we have in our headquarters a sign 10 feet long and 36 inches high, BOSTON, June 6, 7 and 8th. We also have a fund started to defray the expenses of transportation by bus so you can expect a good crowd this year from Ohio.

Meeting closed by the Chaplain at 5:45 and then eats and refreshments up to 7:30 when it came time to get ready for the evening Bingo game.

— Fred H. Flahavan,
Secretary.

DENVER
"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

When the January meeting of our local group was held, "Yours Truly" was home sick with the flu. Rocky reports a lively meeting with the usual gang present, taking part in the usual Bull Session. Chandler was unable to be present. He was out on a field trip up in the Black Hills and a cold one at that — 22 below.

Dr. James J. Morris (B Bty., 103rd F.A.), offers the following suggestion: When publishing a man's name, publish the name of his outfit after it. This will help any one of his former buddies, who may have lost track of him to identify him. Best wishes. Vetter.

NEW YORK

Commander: Joseph C. McGlone
27 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y.
Secretary: Harry A. Burt
594 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

The January meeting of the New York Chapter, Y.D.V.A., was held in the 77th Division Club on Thursday, January 25th with 41 members and guests present. Commander McGlone called the meeting to order at 8:50 P. M.

Buck O'Brien — who has been missed for several meetings showed up after a long illness and tussle with pneumonia. He was promptly put in the Chaplain's station to read the Prayer.

In reporting on membership, Fred Brown stated that we have one more than last meeting. If we could have one more each meeting, we might get back in good standing. However, Joe McGlone is going to start his campaign soon and we expect to hit the three hundred mark.

Under Communications, our genial Secretary, Harry Burt, reported that Lea Redfield has his Boston Convention applications out and wants quick results. Among numerous communications was one from Len Maloney stating he would positively be at our meeting and installation on February 29th. Same goes for our long missing friend, Al Herman.

The Nominating Committee who were selected to bring in a slate of Officers for 1940 seem to have done the best job possible. They have given us suggestions for Officers which should make the New York Chapter top all others in activity and good will. If you don't know all of these fellows, come around and get acquainted because you will like and respect each and every one:

Commander, Harry Van Hala, 103rd M. G.; 1st Vice Commander, Elwin Cooney, 101st Sig. Bat.; 2nd Vice Commander, Claude M. Seitz, 101st Inf.; Secretary, Clarence E. Wilson, 104th Inf.; Treasurer, Anthony F. Fanelle, Division Hqrs.; Chaplain, Father Thomas F. Temple, 101st Am. Train; Historian, William Phelps, 102nd F. A.; Sergeant-at-Arms, William Savage, 101st Inf.

Trustees — JOHN RACHEK, 104th Inf., RALPH CLUFF, 103rd F. A., RAYMOND PARKER, 101st Engs., BART KILEY, 101st Inf., FRED PATY, 103rd F. A.

With these Officers, who will receive 100% support from the entire membership, we should go places and do things. Ye scribe doubts very much if a better Commander could be selected.

A Past Commander's button was voted for the present Commander JOE MCGLONE who retires from office at our next meeting.

If this story is not good, blame no one but ye scribe who was unable to attend the meeting and had HARRY BURT pinch hitting. HARRY tells me that WILLIAM S. JEWELL, 102nd Inf., was at the meeting for the first time and sat with MIKE HABEREN. FRED BROWN brought his good friend Fred Croft of the British Army as a guest. Also Bill Dey of the 59th Artillery was a guest.

Under entertainment I am not supposed to tell who furnished the movies — but go on take a guess — he is always doing something. The pictures were furnished through the courtesy of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and were about a "Safari on Wheels" taken in Africa. According to all reports they were thoroughly enjoyed even though ED WRITER did supply the camera and screen.

Here is a little something that I think you fellows should know. That J. Norman Lodge (N.Y.) has written several articles for the Associated Press which were released all over the country — one in particular about Top-Kick CASEY from Lawrence, who did not believe the Armistice was a real one and who made a bet that before his kids graduated from school there would be another war in the same place. What a prophet! Also another article by Norm regarding the Government document No. 18-A filled with exploits of heroes — some of whom we know and others whom we have heard about. Norm has also just showed me something which makes me more proud than ever to have been a member of the 26th Division even though my breast remains undecorated for feats I never performed. Did you know that there were 326 officers and men in the 26th who received the D.S.C. and that we outranked any other Division by more than two to one? Also did you know that Col. JOHN H. PARKER (commonly called Machine Gun PARKER) is the only man in a combat division to have received the D.S.C. and three Oak-leaf Clusters? Col. PARKER was with the 102nd Inf. The New York Chapter is proud to have at least four of these D.S.C. men as members. We all should be more than proud to boast of such a record — that is why the 26th Division should always stick together. Sometime later I will try to get the facts about other medals.

I don't know whether HARRY BURT meant anything by the following statement or not — "Meeting very harmonious and smooth" inasmuch as ye scribe was among the missing.

FRED KESSLER and BEN PITMAN decided they would have to see the gang again so came to another meeting. How many does that make for the year boys?

Did you know that you should always address CLARENCE E. WILSON as "Edward"? He owes me plenty of elbow bending for giving him this plug. How about it CLARENCE?

Please read your notices for the next meeting because we will have a change of meeting place. It will either be the Columbia University Club or the Prince George Hotel on February 29th. Let's have one grand big turnout inasmuch as we will have a lot of brass hats from Connecticut and Massachusetts for the installation.

Here's to a bigger, better and more prosperous year for the New York Chapter — and we will have it if you fellows will only get out and put your shoulder to the wheel with the incoming Commander. Forward M - a - r - r - r - c - h. Snap into it.

Captain RICHARD PETERS of General Edwards Staff (N.Y.) succumbs to injuries received in a fall. Although Captain PETERS has been unable to attend meetings lately, the New York Chapter is more than sorry to lose a member of this calibre — one who believed his place was at the front even though he was beyond the age limit. In paying him our last respects, we salute a soldier and a gentleman.

"WHIT."

WASHINGTON

Commander: Joseph Jordan, Jr.
1750 Harvard St., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Raymond J. Queenin
4619 Warren St., NW, Washington, D. C.

On New Year's Day at 11 A. M., the members of the YD Club of Washington again made their annual pilgrimage to the grave of "Daddy" EDWARDS and paid homage in the form of decorating the grave with wreaths placed by Commanders JOSEPH JORDAN for the YD Club and NATHAN D. GOLDEN for the Maj. Gen Clarence

R. Edwards Post No. 2135 VFW. Some thirty members and their wives were in attendance and services were held by the Rev. Howard Snyder, Dept. Chaplain for both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Taps was sounded by our associate member Sgt. FRANK WITCHEY.

— NATHAN D. GOLDEN.

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RICHARD PETERS, former Captain on General Edwards Staff of Divisional headquarters died at Doctors Hospital, New York City on Monday, Jan. 29. Captain PETERS age at the time of death was 92. He enlisted at the age of 69 as a private and received a commission and was appointed by General EDWARDS to his staff as Captain.

He was a descendant of Judge Richard Peters, head of General Washington's Board of War, was born in Protumna, Va. Attended schools in France, Switzerland and England as well as Faires Classical Institute in Philadelphia, Philips Exeter and Harvard.

Captain PETERS, who spent many years in Europe, had lived at the Knickerbocker Club for most of the last fifty years. He belonged to the French Legion of Honor and won the Croix de Guerre with palm.

Always interested in athletics, he won races for gentlemen jockeys in New York, New Jersey and Newport as early as 1876. He played on the first international polo team against England and for many years was an enthusiastic four-in-hand coachman. He won the Centennial Cup for steeple-chasers at Jerome Park in 1876 and presented the United Hunts Association with a silver cup, after he himself had won the trophy on three different occasions. He was a figure skating champion in New York in the early eighties; was an amateur yachtsman and shot in various live pigeon matches at Monte Carlo. Captain PETERS had been a member of the YDVA since it was formed and a member of the New York Chapter since it was started.

JOSEPH A. CLEMENT, formerly of M Co., 103rd Inf., died at Hanover, N. H. hospital after an operation for an old wound which had become aggravated lately. CLEMENT was an active member of the Triangle Chapter.

EDWARD M. FLEMING, formerly with E Co., 101st Inf., died at the Veterans Hospital at Rutland, Mass.

JAMES A. WOOD, former First Sergeant of B Co., 101st F. Sig. Bat., died on January 15th at his home after a long lingering illness. JIM or UNK as he was known by was the organizer and first Commander of the YD Post No. 290 American Legion. He was very active in Club and Legion affairs until the past few years when he had been confined to his home most of the time. In 1919 when discharged from the army he was given total disability and told he had six months to live but has seen many who have passed away long before him. Jim organized the Signal Corps Association and was one of the sponsors of the famous Children's parties held each Christmas for Signal Corps children.

Legion services were held with over a hundred members of the YD Post present. The funeral was conducted by the members of the Signal Corps who acted as Pall Bearers assisted by the Post and Club members. The YD Squadron Drum Corps escorted the body from the home to the church and also to the cemetery. A firing squad from Fort Banks fired the volley and their bugler blew Taps.

Word has been received that FRANK ROSE formerly of the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion died at Vallahalla, New York, some time in October, 1939.

JAMES F. MCGRATH, formerly Regimental Sergeant Major of Divisional Headquarters died in New Jersey on January 12th. Burial was from his former home in Roslindale, Mass.

GEORGE W. COVEAU, Highgate Center, Vt., died Jan. 15th at a local institution. Mr. COVEAU, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Coveau, was born at St. Albans Bay, March 3, 1895, and had lived in St. Albans until five years ago when he and Mrs. Coveau moved to Highgate Center. He leaves his wife, the former Louise Lapan, and one sister, Mrs. Frank Trombley of St. Albans Bay, and several nieces and nephews. Mr. COVEAU served in the World War. He enlisted July 17, 1917 at St. Albans in Company I, 1st

Vermont Inf., and left St. Albans with that outfit. He was transferred to Co. B, 103rd Mach. Gun Bn., 26th Div., at Westfield, Mass., and served overseas with that company. Mr. COVEAU was overseas from October 3, 1917 to September 16, 1918. He was severely wounded in action on July 18, 1918 and was honorably discharged October 8, 1918 at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. The funeral was held from St. Louis Church at Highgate Center, Vt., Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

CHESTER A. RICHARDSON, formerly of F Co., 104th Inf. and A Bat., 102nd F. A., dropped dead after attending the Mass. State Department meeting on Sunday, February 4th at Haverhill. Burial took place on Wednesday afternoon February 7th at Haverhill, Mass.

HAROLD G. WAKELY, formerly of G. Company, 103rd Infantry, died after a brief illness at the Eastern Maine General hospital in Bangor, Maine, on Wednesday, January 31st. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Knight of Columbus.

HENRY PLANTE, JR., formerly of C Co., 104th Inf., died Saturday night, January 27th at the Rutland Hospital. Burial was from his former home in Fisherville on Tuesday, January 30th.

YANKEE DOINGS extends its sympathy to EDWARD F. MERRILL, member of Worcester Chapter, in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Mary I. Merrill, 86 years old, who died Friday, Jan. 12. Burial took place in Melrose, Mass., Sunday, Jan. 14, 1940. Mrs. Merrill was a member of the First Methodist Church of Melrose. Mrs. Merrill leaves a daughter and two sons.

MARTY MCKENNA seriously injured. MARTY was with E Company, 104th Infantry, during the war and since then has lived in Orange where he is a contractor and builder. He was walking across the street in Athol and was struck by an automobile and suffered a fractured skull and a broken leg. He was rushed to the hospital and the last report was that he had a fifty-fifty chance to pull through.

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BEN JAMES, chairman of the General Committee, says that from all present indications, the "Second Home Coming of the Yankee Division", gives promise of being the largest attended convention in the annals of the Divisional organization. This will be the first time, he says, that the Division will have assembled in Boston as a whole since April, 1919, the day it marched through Boston after its triumphal return from France.

RALPH M. EASTMAN, upon whom devolves the arduous task of raising the funds necessary to finance the Convention, has long been noted for his success in managing the finances of servicemen's affairs. He was treasurer of the group that raised $75,000.00 among the members of the Yankee Division to pay for the YD Memorial Church in France and was treasurer of many other notable servicemen's activities.

The six New England Governors and the New England members of the House of Representatives will get invitations to attend.

United States Senators David I. Walsh and Henry Cabot Lodge, as well as the other New England Senators, will be invited.

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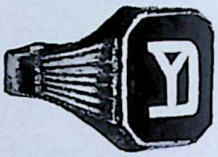

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